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The Honorable Thomas Allen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1901

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The Honorable John Baldacci
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1902

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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0530

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Dear Representative Bereuter:

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The Honorable Douglas Bereuter
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2701

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Sherwood L. Boehlert
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3223

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The Honorable David E. Bonior
Democratic Whip
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2210

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The Honorable Allen Boyd
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0902

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The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2003

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Elijah:

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The Honorable Elijah Cummings
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2007

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The Honorable Thomas M. Davis, III
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4611

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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Sam Farr
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The Honorable Jon D. Fox
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Barney Frank
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Martin Frost
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Elizabeth Furse
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The Honorable Sam Gejdenson
House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy L. Johnson
House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Lewis
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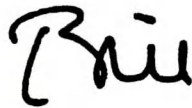
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