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Sincerely,

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3704

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2205

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The Honorable Roscoe G. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2006

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1503

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The Honorable Corrine Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0903

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2108

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The Honorable Bob Clement
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4205

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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2214

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1312

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Washington, D.C. 20515-2007

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Chairman
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United States Senate
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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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