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The Honorable Richard Burr U.S. Senate 217 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Burr:

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The Honorable Kay Hagan U.S. Senate 521 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hagan:

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The Honorable G.K. Butterfield U.S. House of Representatives 413 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Butterfield:

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The Honorable Bob Etheridge U.S. House of Representatives 1533 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Etheridge:

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The Honorable Walter Jones U.S. House of Representatives 2333 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jones:

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The Honorable David Price U.S. House of Representatives 2162 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Virginia Foxx U.S. House of Representatives 1230 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Foxx:

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The Honorable Howard Coble U.S. House of Representatives 2468 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-3306

Dear Representative Coble:

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The Honorable Mike McIntyre U.S. House of Representatives 2437 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Larry Kissell U.S. House of Representatives 512 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Sue Myrick U.S. House of Representatives 230 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable R. Bradley Miller U.S. House of Representatives 1127 Longworth Building Washington, DC 20515

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