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August 5, 2010

The Honorable John Barrasso
United State Senate
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso:

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I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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