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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

October 19, 2010

The Honorable John Barrow
U.S. House of Representatives
213 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barrow:

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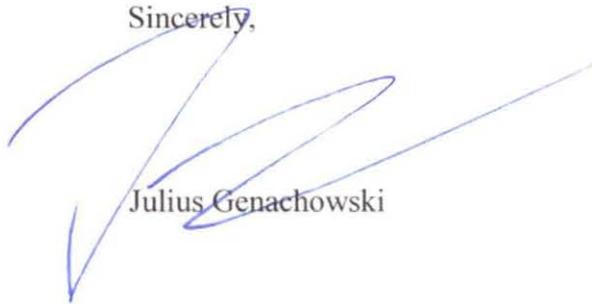
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The Honorable Michael Capuano
U.S. House of Representatives
1414 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Danny K. Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
303 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Gene Green
U.S. House of Representatives
2372 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Rush Holt
U.S. House of Representatives
1214 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Jesse Jackson, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Gregory W. Meeks
U.S. House of Representatives
2342 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1724 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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2303 Rayburn House Office Building
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