



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

June 15, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Joe Baca
U.S. House of Representatives
2366 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Baca:

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The Honorable George K. Butterfield
U.S. House of Representatives
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
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1710 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable William Lacy Clay
U.S. House of Representatives
2418 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Clay:

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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
U.S. House of Representatives
2235 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1024 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Keith Ellison
U.S. House of Representatives
1027 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
U.S. House of Representatives
1511 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings
U.S. House of Representatives
2353 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Hastings:

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The Honorable Rubén Hinojosa
U.S. House of Representatives
2262 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
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343 Cannon House Office Building
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330 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Gregory W. Meeks
U.S. House of Representatives
2234 Rayburn House Office Building
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2136 Rayburn House Office Building
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June 15, 2012

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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Pedro R. Pierluisi
U.S. House of Representatives
1213 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable David E. Price
U.S. House of Representatives
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Silvestre Reyes
U.S. House of Representatives
2210 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Laura Richardson
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
2466 Rayburn House Office Building
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