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May 1, 2014

The Honorable Peter Welch  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2303 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Welch:

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The Honorable Frank Pallone  
U.S. House of Representatives  
237 Cannon House Office Building  
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The Honorable Doris O. Matsui  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2434 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Matsui:

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The Honorable Ben Ray Luján  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2446 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Luján:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
241 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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The Honorable Mike Doyle  
U.S. House of Representatives  
239 Cannon House Office Building  
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The Honorable John D. Dingell  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2328 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dingell:

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The Honorable Donna M. Christensen  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1510 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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