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September 26, 2014

The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

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I appreciate your interest in this issue, and your letter will be inserted into the record of the proceeding.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
241 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

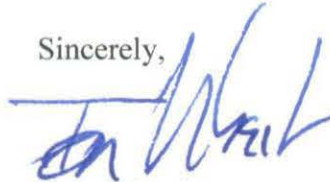
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