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July 27, 2015

The Honorable Tom Rice
U.S. House of Representatives
325 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Martha Roby
U.S. House of Representatives
428 Cannon House Office Building
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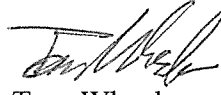
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227 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2449 Rayburn House Office Building
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July 27, 2015

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U.S. House of Representatives
2241 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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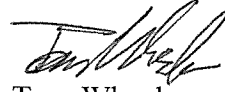
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The Honorable Jason Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
2230 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Lamar Smith
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2409 Rayburn House Office Building
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July 27, 2015

The Honorable Elise Stefanik
U.S. House of Representatives
512 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 27, 2015

The Honorable Chris Stewart
U.S. House of Representatives
323 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 27, 2015

The Honorable Steve Stivers
U.S. House of Representatives
1007 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mac Thornberry
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2329 Rayburn House Office Building
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July 27, 2015

The Honorable Scott Tipton
U.S. House of Representatives
218 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ann Wagner
U.S. House of Representatives
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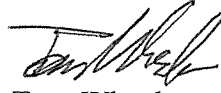
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