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March 10, 2016

The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
U.S. House of Representatives
2416 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ruppersberger:

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The Honorable Raul Ruiz
U.S. House of Representatives
1319 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Ruiz:

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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
U.S. House of Representatives
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Roybal-Allard:

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The Honorable David E. Price
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2108 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Pingree:

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The Honorable Cedric L. Richmond
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240 Cannon House Office Building
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2204 Rayburn House Office Building
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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Patrick Murphy
U.S. House of Representatives
211 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Murphy:

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The Honorable John Yarmuth
U.S. House of Representatives
403 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
208 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman
U.S. House of Representatives
126 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
U.S. House of Representatives
1114 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz:

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The Honorable Tim Walz
U.S. House of Representatives
1034 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez
U.S. House of Representatives
2302 Rayburn House Office Building
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437 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
414 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Juan C. Vargas
U.S. House of Representatives
1605 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
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The Honorable Niki Tsongas
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Norma J. Torres
U.S. House of Representatives
516 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Paul Tonko
U.S. House of Representatives
2463 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Jackie Speier
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The Honorable Adam Smith
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2469 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2342 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Sires:

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Sincerely,

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