The Honorable Ron Kind  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1502 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Congressman Kind:  

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The Honorable Angie Craig
U.S. House of Representatives
1523 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Craig:

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The Honorable Cheri Bustos  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1009 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bustos:

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The Honorable Cindy Axne  
U.S. House of Representatives  
330 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Axne:

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The Honorable G.K. Butterfield  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2080 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable James E. Clyburn
U.S. House of Representatives
242 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mark Pocan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1421 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ro Khanna  
U.S. House of Representatives  
221 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2407 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ilhan Omar  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1517 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Congresswoman Omar:

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