

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

January 11, 2021

The Honorable Angus King United States Senate 133 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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