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January 15, 2021

The Honorable Michael Quigley
U.S. House of Representatives
2078 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Quigley:

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