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March 21, 2022

The Honorable Greg Pence
U.S. House of Representatives
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pence:

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The Honorable Angie Craig
U.S. House of Representatives
2442 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2239 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Cindy Axne
U.S. House of Representatives
1034 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representative Axne:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2467 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
318 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Terri A. Sewell
U.S. House of Representatives
2201 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Kim Schrier
U.S. House of Representatives
1123 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Ron Kind
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U.S. House of Representatives
2161 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
167 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1713 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1223 Longworth House Office Building
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March 21, 2022

The Honorable David Valadao
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118 Cannon House Office Building
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