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May 1, 2024

The Honorable David Joyce  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2000 Rayburn House Office Building (G Floor)  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Joyce:

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The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1036 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Hoyer:

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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
United States Senate  
S-128 The Capital Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Van Hollen:

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The Honorable Bill Hagerty  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
United States Senate  
125 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Hagerty:

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
United States Senate  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chair:

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Ranking Member  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
United States Senate  
512 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Chair  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2322 Rayburn House Office Building  
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