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The Honorable Michael Arcuri
U.S. House of Representatives
127 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Arcuri,

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The Honorable Shelley Berkley
U.S. House of Representatives
405 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Berkley,

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The Honorable Lois Capps
U.S. House of Representatives
1110 Longworth HOB
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Dear Representative Capps,

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U.S. House of Representatives
2440 Rayburn HOB
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The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
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2161 Rayburn HOB
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U.S. House of Representatives
428 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
U.S. House of Representatives
2334 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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2300 Rayburn HOB
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241 Cannon HOB
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