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The Honorable Jack Bergman
United States Representative
414 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bergman:

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The Honorable Bill Huizenga
United States Representative
2232 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Justin Amash
United States Representative
106 Cannon House Office Building
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United States Representative
117 Cannon House Office Building
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203 Cannon House Office Building
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United States Representative
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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United States Representative
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States Representative
1531 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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United States Representative
228 Cannon House Office Building
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United States Representative
211 Cannon House Office Building
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United States Representative
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The Honorable Debbie Dingell
United States Representative
116 Cannon House Office Building
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United States Representative
1628 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Brenda Lawrence
United States Representative
2463 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States Senator
731 Hart Senate Office Building
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