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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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