

July 23, 2001

The Honorable «FirstName» «LastName»
«Address1» House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative «LastName»:

Attn: «DefenseAide»

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2242 Rayburn House Office Building
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Attn: Harry Henderson

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The Honorable J.C. Watts
1007 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representative Watts:

Attn: Dominique McCoy

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Attn: Kim Kotlar

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1507 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Jim Dolbow

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1019 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Krister Holladay

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Attn: Jim McGuire

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Attn: Kedron Simon

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Attn: John Weaver

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Attn: Nicole Miller

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Attn: Joseph Summers

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Attn: Alex Mistri

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Attn: Lynnea Shane

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Attn: Brian Wagner

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Attn: Jeannette Windon

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Attn: Melissa Decker

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Attn: Lindsey Neas

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The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz
2304 Rayburn House Office Building
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Attn: Vickie Plunkett

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Attn: Stephen Peranich

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1502 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Marilyn Rios

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Attn: Bill McCann

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Attn: Kathryn Yurkanin

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Attn: Mike Casey

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Attn: Trent Ashby

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The Honorable Loretta Sanchez
1230 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Nick Perry

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228 Cannon House Office Building
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Attn: Shaw Scott

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The Honorable Ciro Rodriguez
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Attn: Mark Gillman

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Attn: Eric Lausten

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1122 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Attn: Ilka Cuoto

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109 Cannon House Office Building
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Attn: Liz Powell-Bullock

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Attn: Jason Grove

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Attn: Rebecca Earle

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Attn: Gabe Santos

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2372 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Callahan:

Attn: Todd Rich

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2351 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Walsh:

Attn: John Simmons

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Dear Representative Taylor:

Attn: Jennifer Martin

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1514 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Hobson:

Attn: Kenny Kraft

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2404 Rayburn House Office Building
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Attn: Nancy Howak

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2458 Rayburn House Office Building
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Attn: Marcus Lubin

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Attn: Craig Albright

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Attn: Serena Underwood

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1034 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Hina Patel

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2442 Rayburn House Office Building
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Attn: Pamela Curtin

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206 Cannon House Office Building
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Attn: Brad Ayers

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The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
2350 Rayburn House Office Building
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Attn: Nancy Lifset

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Attn: Deron McElroy

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Attn: Sean McGraw

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1004 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Joanna Kinney

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1433 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Jordan Bernstein

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Attn: Johnnie Kaberle

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Attn: Rawley Vaughan

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1424 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Natalie Barusic

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1223 Longworth House Office Building
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Attn: Carmen Scialabba

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2313 Rayburn House Office Building
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Attn: Richard Kaelin

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Attn: Kate Winkler

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2341 Rayburn House Office Building
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Attn: Nadine Berg

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Attn: Bob Letteney

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Attn: Yelberton Watkins

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Attn: Dianne Miller

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Attn: Debbie Merrill

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Attn: Charles Dujon

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The Honorable Carolyn C. Kilpatrick
1610 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representative Kilpatrick:

Attn: Harold Boyd

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Attn: «DefenseAide»

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Mary	Landrieu	724 Hart	Jason Matthews
Jack	Reed	320 Hart	Elizabeth King
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The Honorable Carl Levin
269 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Edward Kennedy
315 Russell Senate Office Building
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Attn: Menda Fife

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706 Hart Senate Office Building
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Attn: Fred Downey

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461 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Attn: Andy VanLandingham

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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
724 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Landrieu:

Attn: Jason Matthews

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The Honorable Jack Reed
320 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Reed:

Attn: Elizabeth King

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The Honorable Daniel Akaka
141 Hart Senate Office Building
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Attn: Noe Kalipi

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Attn: Bill Sutey

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Attn: Eric Pierce

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The Honorable Jean Carnahan
517 Hart Senate Office Building
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Attn: Larry Smar

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The Honorable Mark Dayton
346 Hart Senate Office Building
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Attn: Jason Van Wey

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The Honorable John Warner
225 Russell Senate Office Building
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Attn: Les Brownlee

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326 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Strom Thurmond
217 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Attn: Col. John Miller

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Attn: Chris Paul

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G50 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Attn: Margaret Hemenway

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The Honorable James Inhofe
453 Russell Senate Office Building
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Attn: Dave Teal

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120 Russell Senate Office Building
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Attn: George Bernier

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Attn: Alan McCurry

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Attn: Doug Flanders

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239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Attn: Michael Ralsky

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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
493 Russell Senate Office Building
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Attn: Archie Galloway

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The Honorable Susan Collins
172 Russell Senate Office Building
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Attn: Kristine Fauser

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The Honorable Jim Bunning
316 Hart Senate Office Building
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Attn: Dirk Mauer

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The Honorable «FirstName» «LastName»
«Address1» Senate Office Building
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Attn: Frank Kelly

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Attn: Daniel Ginsberg

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731 Hart Senate Office Building
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Attn: Lowell Ungar

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Attn: Frederic Baron

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Attn: Bob Herbert

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Attn: Chad Metzler

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Attn: Marianne Burtnett

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Attn: Michael Schiffer

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The Honorable Richard Durbin
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Attn: Sue Hardesty

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Attn: Ian Marquardt

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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
724 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Landrieu:

Attn: Jason Matthews

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The Honorable Jack Reed
320 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Reed:

Attn: Elizabeth King

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The Honorable Ted Stevens
522 Hart Senate Office Building
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Attn: Steve Cortese

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Attn: Mitch Kugler

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Attn: Vicki Siegel

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Attn: Billy Piper

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The Honorable Conrad Burns
187 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Attn: Erin Pierce

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The Honorable Richard Shelby
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393 Russell Senate Office Building
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Attn: Frank Barca

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The Honorable Robert Bennett
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Attn: Bill Triplett

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The Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell
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Attn: James Dean

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The Honorable Larry Craig
520 Hart Senate Office Building
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Attn: Lori Otto

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Attn: David Davis

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