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The Honorable Todd Rokita
230 Cannon House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Rokita:

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The Honorable Todd Young
1007 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Larry Bucshon
1005 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable André Carson
2453 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Carson:

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The Honorable Luke Messer
508 Cannon House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Susan Brooks
1505 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Peter Visclosky
2256 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jackie Walorski
419 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Marlin Stutzman
1728 Longworth House Office Building
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