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{INSERT Your Name and Address}  
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The Honorable Mark R. Warner

703 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner:

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The Honorable Timothy Kaine

231 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Robert C. Scott

1201 Longworth House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Robert J. Wittman

2055 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barbara Comstock

229 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Scott Taylor

412 Cannon House Office Building

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The Honorable Don Beyer

1119 Longworth House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte

2309 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable A. Donald McEachin

314 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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415 Cannon House Office Building

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The Honorable Gerald E. “Gerry” Connolly

2238 Rayburn House Office Building

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The Honorable Dave Brat

1628 Longworth House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Morgan Griffith

2202 Rayburn House Office Building

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