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The Honorable Tony Gonzales
United States House of Representatives
2244 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Gonzales:

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