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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2186 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kaptur:

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The Honorable William Keating  
U.S. House of Representatives  
315 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Keating:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1239 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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306 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
227 Cannon House Office Building  
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1520 Longworth House Office Building  
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1502 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
201 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
137 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2113 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1237 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2267 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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