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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
U.S. House of Representatives
1226 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Becerra:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to ensure the full disclosure of sponsors of political advertisements. Your views are very important, and I appreciate your sharing them with me.

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The Honorable Ami Bera
U.S. House of Representatives
1535 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bera:

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The Honorable Don Beyer
U.S. House of Representatives
431 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Beyer:

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The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop
U.S. House of Representatives
2407 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Bishop:

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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
U.S. House of Representatives
439 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
118 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1019 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1009 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Capps:

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U.S. House of Representatives
1414 Longworth House Office Building
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1419 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Kathy Castor
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205 Cannon House Office Building
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