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United States House of Representatives  
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Representative G.K. Butterfield  
United States House of Representatives  
2080 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Representative Jackie Speier  
United States House of Representatives  
2465 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Mike Kelly  
United States House of Representatives  
1707 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Representative McCaul, Representative Speier, Representative Butterfield,  
and Representative Kelly:

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United States Senate  
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Senator Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senate  
110 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Senator Jack Reed  
United States Senate  
728 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Senator Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
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