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The Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,


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cc:

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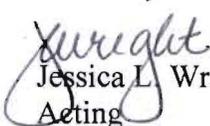
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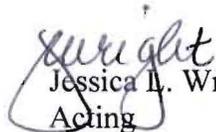
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