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The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate

Dear Senator Carper:

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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste
Management, and Regulatory Oversight
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate

Dear Senator Harris:

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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Clean Air and
Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate

Dear Senator Whitehouse:

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The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
Committee on Environment and Public Works
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Dear Senator Cardin:

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The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
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and Wildlife
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate

Dear Senator Duckworth:

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The Honorable Bernard Sanders
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The Honorable Jeffrey A. Merkley
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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
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The Honorable Cory A. Booker
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
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