October 8, 2015

The Honorable John Kline
United States House of Representatives
VIA Fax 202-225-2595

Dear Congressman Kline,

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Best regards,

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The Honorable Rick Nolan
United States House of Representatives
VIA Fax 202-225-0699

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The Honorable Erik Paulsen  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Collin Peterson
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