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April 9, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
United States House of Representatives
2227 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
2353 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
120 Cannon House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
United States House of Representatives
1114 Longworth House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
1210 Longworth House Office Building
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