

April 29, 2011

The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Representative Henry A. Waxman

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chairman, Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

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cc: Senator James M. Inhofe

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cc: Senator John Barrasso

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cc: Representative Bobby L. Rush

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