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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 4, 2013

The Honorable Tom Cotton
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cotton:

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Sincerely,

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