

June 11, 2014

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

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Sincerely,

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cc: Senator David Vitter

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

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United States House of Representatives  
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Committee on Environment and Public Works  
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