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The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr. President of the United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

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