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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Committee on the Budget
1113 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ryan:

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The Honorable Gwen Moore
Committee on the Budget
1239 Longworth Office Building
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Committee on the Budget
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Committee on the Budget
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Committee on the Budget
306 Cannon Office Building
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The Honorable Bob Etheridge
Committee on the Budget
1533 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Committee on the Budget
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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Committee on the Budget
2186 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gregg Harper
Committee on the Budget
307 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Cynthia Lummis
Committee on the Budget
1004 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Committee on the Budget
2305 Rayburn Office Building
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Committee on the Budget
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Washington, DC 20515

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