

June 14, 2004

The Honorable Robert Byrd
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Ranking Member:

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Sincerely,



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The Honorable Ben Campbell
380 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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722 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
361-A Russell Senate Office Building
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709 Hart Senate Office Building
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