

July 16, 2004

The Honorable Trent Lott
487 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lott:

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The Honorable John Breaux
503 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Bill Nelson
716 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Conrad Burns
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The Honorable John McCain
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The Honorable Kay Hutchison
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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
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The Honorable John Rockefeller
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The Honorable Peter Fitzgerald
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The Honorable Byron Dorgan
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The Honorable John Sununu
111 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Ernest Hollings
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The Honorable Olympia Snowe
154 Russell Senate Office Building
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304 Russell Senate Office Building
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