

November 4, 2003

The Honorable Spencer Bachus
U.S. House of Representatives
442 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bachus:

On behalf of the more than 950,000 members of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (NAR), I want to express our support for Congress' efforts to address the growing problem of electronic spam, i.e. unsolicited bulk e-mails.

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REALTORS® are strongly supportive of many of the measures being discussed to control the tidal wave of unsolicited bulk e-mails. However, we also believe that the creation of a Do-Not-E-mail registry must be carefully considered to balance the elimination of abusive spamming practices with the needs of small business to conduct legitimate business via e-mail without the imposition of a significant compliance burden.

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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
U.S. House of Representatives
1022 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Baldwin:

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2221 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
U.S. House of Representatives
509 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Blackburn:

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The Honorable Rick Boucher
U.S. House of Representatives
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Christopher Cannon
U.S. House of Representatives
118 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Carter
U.S. House of Representatives
408 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Steve Chabot
U.S. House of Representatives
129 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Howard Coble
U.S. House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Conyers
U.S. House of Representatives
2426 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1317 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
323 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
424 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
307 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Elton Gallegly
U.S. House of Representatives
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Robert Goodlatte
U.S. House of Representatives
2240 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mark Green
U.S. House of Representatives
1314 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Melissa Hart
U.S. House of Representatives
1508 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1214 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Henry Hyde
U.S. House of Representatives
2110 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1207 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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419 Cannon House Office Building
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1432 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2229 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2334 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1605 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Linda Sanchez
U.S. House of Representatives
1007 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
326 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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2464 Rayburn House Office Building
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2449 Rayburn House Office Building
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2231 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Maxine Waters
U.S. House of Representatives
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Melvin Watt
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2236 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Anthony Weiner
U.S. House of Representatives
1122 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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213 Cannon House Office Building
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