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March 14, 2018

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

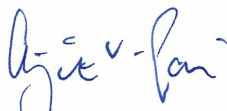
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Sincerely,


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The Honorable Rick Nolan
U.S. House of Representatives
2366 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tina Smith
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