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February 23, 2009

The Honorable Michael Bennet
US Senate
702 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

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Sincerely,



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The Honorable Mark Udall
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B40E Dirksen Senate Ofc Bldg
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The Honorable Mike Coffman
US House of Representatives
1508 Longworth HOB
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The Honorable Diana Degette
US House of Representatives
2335 Rayburn HOB
Washington DC 20515

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The Honorable Betsy Markey
US House of Representatives
1229 Longworth HOB
Washington DC 20515

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The Honorable Jared Polis
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