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Senator Barbara Boxer
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

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Senator Dianne Feinstein
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Congresswoman Maxine Waters  
2344 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C., 20515

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