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The Honorable James Lankford  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs  
442 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Lankford and Ranking Member Sinema,

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Senator Kamala Harris  
Senator Margaret Wood Hassan  
Senator Josh Hawley  
Senator Ron Johnson  
Senator James Lankford  
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Senator Gary Peters  
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Chair  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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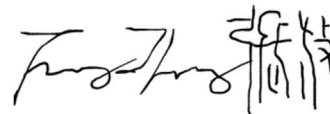
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