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The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Boehner,

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Thank you for your consideration and your leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Respectfully,

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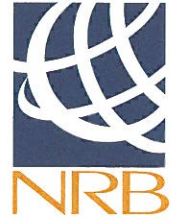
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