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**Administrator**

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September 11, 2018

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby:

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Leahy:

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The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and  
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Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Collins:

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The Honorable Jack Reed  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and  
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Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Reed:

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Chairman  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lowey:

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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Diaz-Balart:

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The Honorable David Price  
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