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Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
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Dear Senator McConnell:

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Honorable James Comer
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Honorable Brett Guthrie
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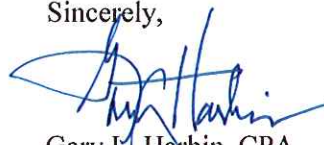
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Honorable Harold Rogers
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Honorable Andy Barr
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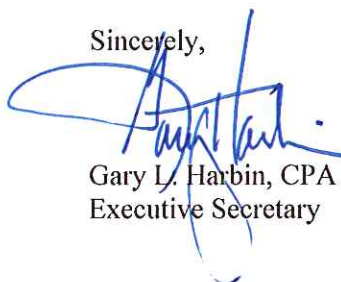
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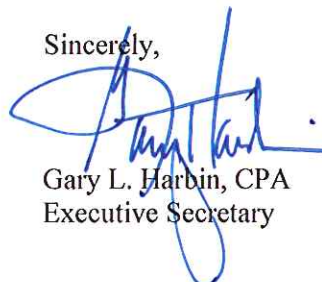
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January 24, 2017

Honorable Kevin Brady
United States Representative
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Frank Pallone
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Honorable Greg Walden
United States Representative
2185 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Walden:

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