

September 21, 2006

The Honorable William Frist
United States Senate
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Frist,

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The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
2371 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
United States House of Representatives
235 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1314

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