December 8, 2021

The Honorable Antony J. Blinken
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

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Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
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The Honorable Janet L. Yellen  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20220

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The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
Attorney General
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland,

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The Honorable Debra A. Haaland
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland,

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The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture
1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
Secretary of Commerce  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

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The Honorable Martin J. Walsh
Secretary of Labor
Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

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The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

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The Honorable Marcia Fudge  
Secretary  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20410

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

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The Honorable Miguel Cardona, Ph.D.
Secretary
Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

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The Honorable Denis McDonough  
Secretary  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20420

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

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The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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The Honorable Isabella Casillas Guzman
Administrator
Small Business Administration
209 3rd Street, S.W.
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