



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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THE GOVERNOR

March 11, 2013

The Honorable Robert A. Brady
United States House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Brady:

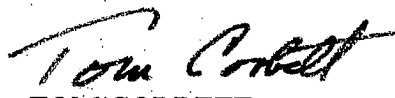
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The Honorable Chaka Fattah
United States House of Representatives
2301 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Fattah:

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The Honorable Mike Kelly
United States House of Representatives
1519 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Keith Rothfus
United States House of Representatives
503 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jim Gerlach
United States House of Representatives
2442 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
204 Cannon House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
1227 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Joe Pitts
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United States Senate
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