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May 9, 2016

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez
California State Assembly (AD-52nd District)
State Capitol Room 2160
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0052

Dear Assemblyman Rodriguez:

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505 S. Garey Ave.
Pomona, CA 91769

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Hilda Solis, Chair and Supervisor, First District
County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 856
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Dear Supervisor Solis:

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