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November 15, 2012

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

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I appreciate your interest in this matter and will keep you apprised of the Commission's progress. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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