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- ARCATAO

TO:

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Oscar Olson, Senior Reviewer

THE HONORABLE
JOHN CONYERS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR MR. CONYERS:

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THE HONORABLE MERVYN M. DYMALLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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DEAR MR. DYMALLY:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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THE HONORABLE
BARBARA BOXER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR MS. BOXER:

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THE HONORABLE
LES AUCOIN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR MR. AUCOIN:

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THE HONORABLE
BUDDY MACKAY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR MR. MACKAY:

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THE HONORABLE
JIM MOODY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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TO: THE HONORABLE TED WEISS
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