June 3, 2008

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Washington, DC 20515
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The Honorable John Boehner
House Republican Leader
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader Boehner:

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