October 8, 2013

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1323 Longworth House Office Building  
Independence and New Jersey Avenues, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Noem:

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The Honorable Collin C. Peterson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2109 Rayburn House Office Building  
Independence and S. Capitol St., S.W.  
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The Honorable Kevin Cramer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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206 Cannon House Office Building  
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