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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
301 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20528

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Washington, D.C. 20230

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U.S. Department of Defense
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Doug Burgum
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Pamela Bondi
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

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Mr. Vince Micone
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
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Acting Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan
Director
National Science Foundation
2415 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22314

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Acting Director
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20415

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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Loeffler
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20416

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Mr. Leland Dudek
Acting Commissioner
U.S. Social Security Administration
1300 D Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20254

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Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20220

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Washington, DC 20250

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