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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503**

June 30, 2005

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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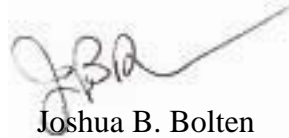
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Similar Letter Sent to the President of the Senate



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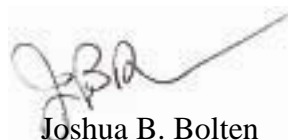
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