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Thank you,
Jim McDermott
Member of Congress

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_____ (Date)

(Description of the Matter)

"I hereby request the assistance of the Office of U.S. Representative Jim McDermott to resolve the matter describe above. I authorize Congressman McDermott and his staff to receive any information that they might need to provide this assistance."

(Your Signature) (Print Name)

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(Social Security Number) (Alien Registration or INS Receipt Number)

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Please return this form when completed to: **Congressman Jim McDermott**
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