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May 14, 2008

The Honorable Jason Allen  
State Senator  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Senator Allen:

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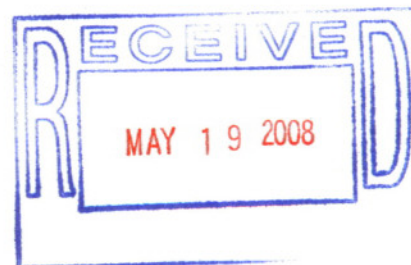
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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Tom Casperson  
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