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June 6, 2005

Representative Louis Slaughter  
465 Main St, Suite 105  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Representative Slaughter:

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Senator Charles Schumer  
313 Hart – Senate Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20510

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Senator George Maziarz  
2578 Niagara Falls Blvd  
Wheatfield, NY 14304

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Senator Hillary Clinton  
476 Russell – Senate Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20510

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Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte  
1700 Pine Ave.  
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

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Assemblyman James Hayes  
5555 Main St.  
Williamsville, NY 14221

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65 Court St., Rm 213  
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