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March 9, 2006

The Honorable Pete Domenici
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
364 Dirksen Office Building
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Dear Chairman Domenici:

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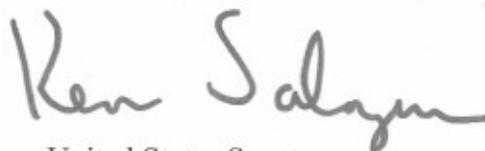
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Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and for your leadership on the Committee.

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