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Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

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CC: Congressman Greg Walden, Fax: 202-225-5774 Chair, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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