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Patricia Van Pelt
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Dear Senator Van Pelt:

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Juliana Stratton
State Representative
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2907 S. Wabash
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Dear Representative Stratton:

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Melissa Conyears-Ervin
State Representative
10th District
115 N. Damen
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Dear Representative Conyears-Ervin:

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Mattie Hunter
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Dear Senator Hunter:

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Brendan Reilly
Alderman 42nd Ward
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Chicago, IL 60654

Dear Alderman Reilly:

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Walter Burnett
Alderman 27th Ward
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