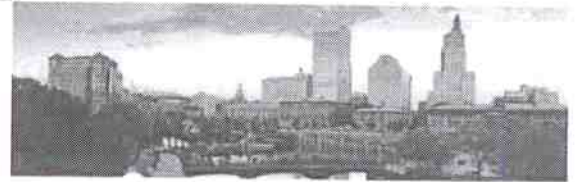




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May 30, 2012

The Honorable Senator Jack Reed  
US Senate  
728 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reed:

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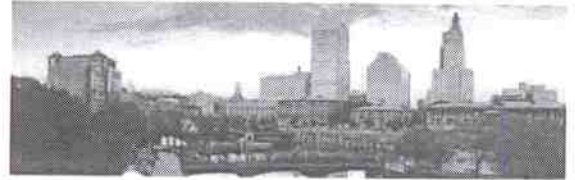
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The Honorable Senator Jack Reed  
US District Courthouse  
One Exchange Terrace, Suite 408  
Providence, RI 02903-1173

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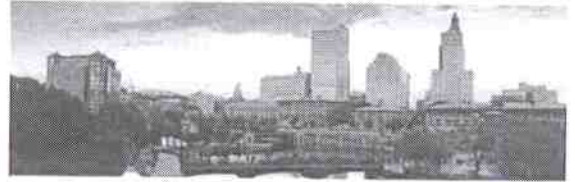
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US Senate  
170 Westminister Street – Suite 1100  
Providence, RI 02903

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US House of Representatives  
109 Cannon House Office Building  
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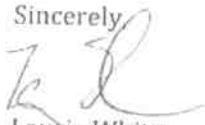
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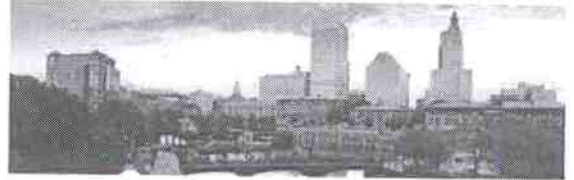
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US House of Representatives  
300 Centerville Road – Suite 200 South  
Warwick, RI 02886

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US House of Representatives  
949 Roosevelt Avenue  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

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