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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Speaker of the House of Representatives H205 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker;

We are very concerned that the decision to pull H.R. I from consideration on the House floor is being widely interpreted as a fading enthusiasm by the Congress in reforming itself. Nothing describes the situation better than the headline in April 26's Christian Science Monitor which says, "Ethics drive losing steam in Congress/As Watergate fades, rigors of rules chafe."

We understand that there may not be enough votes to pass this bill. But we would like you to reconsider and reschedule a vote on H.R. I so that the public at least will be able to know who supports this reform and who opposes it. The public deserves to know this and members who feel strongly about this reform deserve an opportunity to go on record in favor of it.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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