

The Hon. Nancy Pelosi,  
Member of Congress  
450 Golden Gate Ave, #145378  
San Francisco, CA 94102

January 18, 2001

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400 So. El Camino Real, #410  
San Mateo, CA 94402

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U.S. Senator  
1700 Montgomery Street, Suite 240  
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U.S. Senator  
525 Market St., Suite 3670  
San Francisco, CA 94105

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California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3160  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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