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March 13, 2023

Joseph R. Biden, President of United States Office of the President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 052-23

Dear President Biden:

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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