



## MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

**MAILED**  
4/10/12

April 9, 2012

The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-717  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill,

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The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver  
1027 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Roy Blunt  
B40C Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Vicky Hartzler  
1023 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer  
1118 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Lacy Clay  
2418 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Todd Akin  
117 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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1710 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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1541 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Sam Graves  
1415 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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