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Memorandum of Support

Date: March 26, 2025

To: Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee Members,

From: Jonathan Martell

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Please vote Ought to Pass, and thank you for your time.

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