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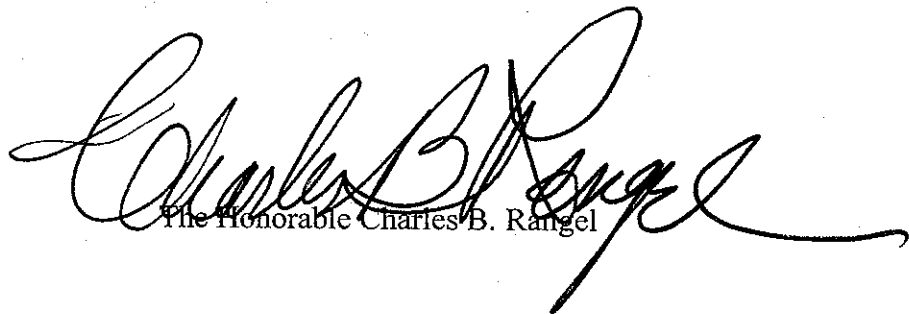
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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Dear Madam Speaker:

I respectfully request a leave of absence from my duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means until such time as the Committee on Standards completes its findings on the review currently underway.



The Honorable Charles B. Rangel