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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Office of Management and Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this legislative proposal for the consideration of Congress and that enactment would be in accord with the program of the President.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

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