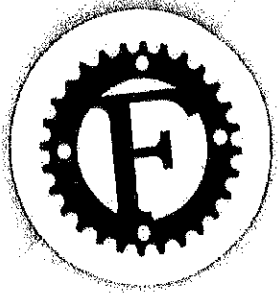


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March 3, 2023

The Honorable Michael Bennet
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Re: Letter of Support for Congressional Directed Spending – Maple
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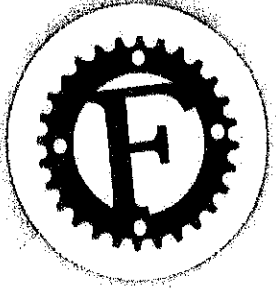
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