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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear Mr. President:

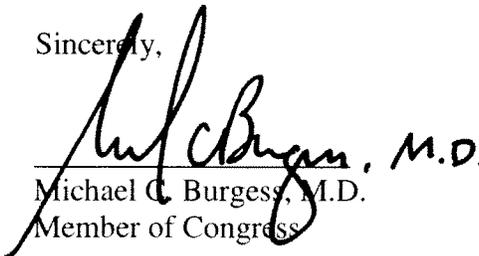
The recent government intervention into our nation's financial systems raises questions about the steps we must take to avoid a similar crisis in the future. Step one must be to rigorously identify each of the root causes. My constituents are concerned that those who were responsible for proper financial oversight, regulation, and risk assessment were negligent, and they must be held publicly accountable. Therefore, Mr. President, I am writing to you to request the appointment of a Special Counsel to investigate and prosecute those who may be responsible for this financial crisis.

The Independent Counsel Law expired on June 30, 1999. As of that date, Congress may no longer request independent "Special Counsel" appointments through the United States Attorney General. Because our nation now faces a financial crisis unlike anything we have seen, we must take special and necessary precautions to avoid allowing this to happen again. This situation calls for a team of independent prosecutors to audit all officers, public and private, regarding their financial and personal relationships and within full view of the public eye.

Our nation faces a crisis of confidence and a crisis of confidence requires an injection of reassurance. We must do more to demonstrate to all Americans that their federal government will not condone, either directly or indirectly, corrupt business practices or public corruption by government officials. The appointment of a Special Prosecutor will help rebuild this confidence with the American people.

Please consider this request on behalf of the Constituents of the Twenty-Sixth District of Texas.

Sincerely,


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