

Congress of the United States  
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The Honorable Phil Angelides  
Chairman  
Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission  
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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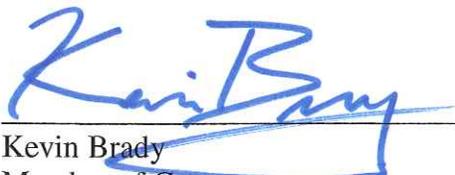
Dear Mr. Angelides:

In the last Congress, we introduced H.R. 2111, the Congressional Commission on Financial Accountability and Preparedness Act of 2009. Through this bill we sought to create a bipartisan commission to review and report to Congress on the actions leading up to the 2008 breakdown in the financial markets and failures in the regulatory system. While our desired commission was not created, your commission was charged with similar goals of determining the cause of the recession that has plagued our country for the past three years.

We are writing to ask you, and other commission members, to report to us on your findings that were required by law to be published in the commission report by December 15, 2010, and any other information that can be shared. While the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress attempted to solve many of the problems from the recession, economists, historians, politicians and others have not reached a consensus on the causes of the Great Recession and we are asking you to explain to us what your findings are on this great economic crisis.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Rep. Brady's office at (202) 225-4901 or Rep. Burgess' office at (202) 225-7772.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Brady  
Member of Congress

  
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