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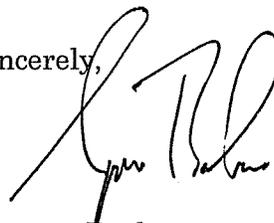
Dear Madam Speaker, Republican Leader, Majority Leader, and Republican Whip:

It has been argued that the magnitude of the economic challenges the country faces compels urgent action on the market bailout legislation currently being negotiated under what can only be described as extraordinary procedures and circumstances. At last count, the original three page bill had expanded to 102 pages. Obviously, legislation of this magnitude and importance must not be voted upon without every member having adequate access to the final version and sufficient time to read and understand it. We owe it to the taxpayers whose money is being put at risk to perform careful due diligence before voting.

Because of the complexities of this legislation, it should be published at least 24 hours before any congressional vote. It is unusual if not unprecedented for legislation of this far-reaching impact to be voted upon without committee consideration. As Ranking Member of the committee of jurisdiction, I urge that this bill be published electronically at least 24 hours before debate on the House floor starts.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,



Spencer Bachus  
Ranking Member