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Mr. Russell Hoffman
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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you for contacting me about the resignation of Representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham. I appreciate hearing from you and welcome the opportunity to respond.

As you may know, on November 28, 2005, Representative Cunningham (R-CA-50) resigned from Congress after he confessed to evading taxes and conspiring to pocket \$2.4 million in bribes, including a Rolls-Royce, a yacht and a 19th-century Louis-Philippe commode.

In light of the recent resignation of Congressman Cunningham, it is clear that Congress must be vigilant and thoroughly investigate charges of ethical transgressions against its members. The American people put their trust in their elected officials and we must do all we can to uphold it. Unless we demand the high ethical standards befitting Members of Congress, people will lose faith in our government and tune out of the political process. Please know that I understand your concerns and will continue to require the highest ethical conduct of myself and my colleagues.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write me. I hope you will continue to keep in touch with me on issues of importance to you. If you have any questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at <http://feinstein.senate.gov>. Best regards.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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