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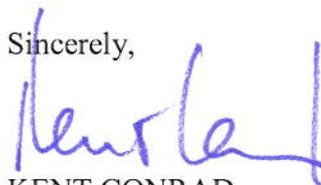
I write to call for a thorough investigation of the financial industry to ensure that any criminal wrongdoing that contributed to the current crisis is uncovered and punished.

The past few months have seen the unfolding of the greatest financial crisis in memory. The Congress and the Administration have responded with the consideration and implementation of unprecedented measures to shore up the economy and protect the American taxpayers. Given the gravity of the situation, the American people need to know if any of the blame lies with the wrongdoing of any individuals or institutions.

It is my understanding that the F.B.I. has undertaken investigations into certain activities of A.I.G., Lehman Brothers, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. I call upon the Justice Department to expand its scrutiny of the financial and housing industries in order to expose possible wrongdoing at other institutions that may have contributed to the present state of our markets and economy. Any violations of law must be prosecuted and those responsible must be held to account.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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