



VIA EMAIL

(LM 2019-054)

April 9, 2019

The Honorable Pat A. Cipollone
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

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