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## Dear Colleague:

We are very pleased to enclose a very special book written by our good friend, Richard North Patterson.

Protect and Defend has been acclaimed by a broad range of critics and we know that you will find it an engrossing story about issues and challenges that we in the Congress deal with quite often. Here's a sample of the reaction to the book:

"Protect and Defend is a winner"-USA Today; "a gripping legal-Political-ethical thriller" -Wall Street Journal: "...with Protect and Defend, Richard North Patterson logs further claim to being one of America's best contemporary popular novelists" -Detroit News; "like Advise and Consent in its time, this book is a gripping read which raises questions vital to our democracy" -San Diego Union Tribune.

We are also very excited that Ric will be our honored guest in the Capitol at a reception that we are hosting on Wednesday, February 7 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in S-211, The Capitol. This reception is for Members and their families only.

Since many Senators are role models for his characters, I know Ric would be very pleased to meet you personally.

Please RSVP to Alyn Levin-Hadar at 4-9178 or Ellen Cahill at 4-2235.

Sincerely.

Barbara Boxer

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