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SUBJECT: Any resurrection of the DARK Act

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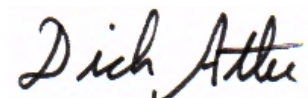
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or at least
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