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The Honorable Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feingold:

As you know, section 837 of Public Law 109-115, Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, established a reporting requirements for the *Buy American Act* and required each Federal agency to submit a report to Congress on the amount of acquisitions made by the agency in that fiscal year from entities that manufacture the articles, materials or supplies outside of the United States. Section 104 of the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-5) carries forward this requirement for funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2008.

In compliance with the requirement stated above, Director Robert I. Cusick has asked me to respond on behalf of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE). As such, OGE provides the following information for FY 2008:

- 1. Provide the dollar value of any articles, materials, or supplies purchased that were manufactured outside of the United States:**

Response: The Office of Government Ethics made no purchases of any articles, materials, or supplies that were manufactured outside of the United States within the meaning of the Buy American Act.

2. **Provide an itemized list of all waivers granted with respect to such articles, materials or supplies under the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a et seq.);**

Response: Waivers were neither necessary nor granted to the Office of Government Ethics during FY 2008.

3. **Provide a summary of the total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured in the United States versus funds spent on good manufactured outside of the United States.**

Response: The Office of Government Ethics spent \$230,000 on goods manufactured in the United States during the time period. As stated above, OGE spent no funds on goods manufactured outside of the United States.

We will make the information provided above available for viewing by the public on the OGE website (www.usoge.gov). If you have any questions, please have your staff contact me on 202-482-9233.

Sincerely,

/s/

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