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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd, Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-131, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-146A, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Byrd and Ranking Member Cochran,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) that I have requested of the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the fiscal year 2009, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me or Diane Wilkinson on my staff at (202) 224-2315, if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator