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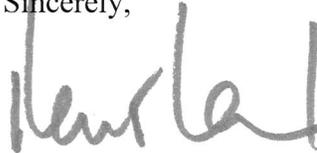
The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Byrd and Ranking Member Cochran:

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

Sincerely,



KENT CONRAD
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