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The Honorable Robert Byrd
Chairman
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Byrd, Senator Cochran:

In accordance with the Committee's direction, I write to certify compliance with Senate Rule XLIV and Committee guidelines pertaining to congressionally-directed funding. For my requests for congressionally-directed funding for projects contained in the conference report or accompanying statement of managers for any Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations bill, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family, to the best of my knowledge, has a pecuniary interest in such projects as defined in Senate Rules.

As you know, I am a strong supporter of continuing to balance the federal budget and believe sound, effective budget discipline needs to be maintained. I understand that the discretionary budget constraints within which the Committee must operate mean that difficult choices will have to be made and that setting priorities is essential. The projects I have requested meet important needs and, I believe, are priorities that fit within fiscally-responsible appropriation bills.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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