

**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2003

June 30, 2008

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

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 that I requested from the Committee on Appropriations for fiscal year 2009.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator

Cc: Senator Thad Cochran