

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
S131 U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
S146A U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Byrd and Ranking Member Cochran:

I certify that to the extent of my knowledge 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 congressional directed spending item that I requested as reported by the Committee on Appropriations.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer