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Chairman Robert C. Byrd  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Thad Cochran  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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,



Gordon H. Smith  
United States Senate