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The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Section 1119(a) of Public Law 112-10, the Office of Government Ethics is requesting approval to retain 50 percent of the fiscal year 2011 unobligated balances that were remaining at the end of fiscal year 2011. Section 609 of Public Law 111-117, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010, incorporated by Section 1101, reads:

Sec. 609. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2010 from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2010 in this Act, shall remain available through September 30, 2011, for each such account for the purposes authorized: Provided, That a request shall be submitted to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for approval prior to the expenditure of such funds: Provided further, That these requests shall be made in accordance with reprogramming guidelines.

The Office of Government Ethics proposes to use the majority of funds, totaling \$32,457, to obtain the services of a public accounting firm in order to comply with the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002, for this agency's annual audit and also for its accounting services.

A copy of this request is being provided to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations.

If you need additional information with regard to this request please contact me at 202-482-9300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don W. Fox".

Don W. Fox
Acting Director

cc: The Honorable Thad Cochran
The Honorable Norm Dicks
The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
The Honorable Jerry Moran
The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson
The Honorable José Serrano