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The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
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United States Senate
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman and Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 112-74, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, the Office of Government Ethics is requesting approval to retain 50 percent of the fiscal year 2012 unobligated balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2012. Sec. 609 reads:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2012 from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2012 in this Act, shall remain available through September 30, 2013, for each such account for the purposes authorized: Provided, That a request shall be submitted to the Committees 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 compliance with reprogramming guidelines.

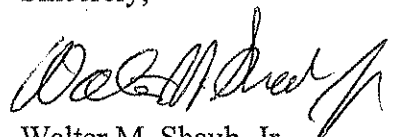
We propose to use the majority of funds, totaling \$133,452.17 to obtain necessary services, including those of a public accounting firm in order to comply with the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002, for this agency's annual audit and also for its accounting services.

A copy of this request is being provided to the Chairwoman, Chairmen and ranking members of the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Appropriations and the Subcommittees on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations.

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If you need additional information with regard to this request, please contact Shelley Finlayson, Program Counsel at 202-482-9314.

Sincerely,



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Director

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