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THE DIRECTOR

July 9, 2009

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Majority Leader
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

Thank you for your June 24, 2009, letter regarding pay parity for Federal civilian employees and military personnel serving in non-combat zones.

Given the exceptional circumstances surrounding the economic downturn, the Administration did not include equal pay increases for civilian and military personnel in its Fiscal Year 2010 budget submission. Nonetheless, the Administration shares your commitment to a strong civil service that can attract the talent we need to deliver the high level of performance the American people deserve from their government. The Administration is therefore committed in future years to the principle of pay parity between the annual pay increase for the Federal civilian workforce and members of the armed services serving in non-hazardous locations.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Federal employees. We look forward to continue working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Orszag". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Peter R. Orszag
Director