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September 14, 2005

Mr. Matthew Reynolds
 Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs
 U.S. Department of State
 Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This letter responds to your report on telecommuting participation at the Department of State. After the Committee received your letter certifying that telecommuting opportunities are now available to one hundred percent of the State Department's eligible workforce, the Committee asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review your certification.

The GAO found that there are disparate ways of reporting telework opportunities across agencies. The GAO did confirm that, as reported, your certification was accurate using your agency's definition of telework. Therefore, the Committee will approve the use of \$5,000,000 that was withheld pending your agency's certification of its telework opportunities. However, the Committee remains very concerned that agencies are not fully embracing telework opportunities.

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Mr. Lewis D. Andrews
 Associate Deputy Administrator
 for Management and Administration
 U.S. Small Business Administration
 Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Mr. Andrews:

This letter responds to your February 8, 2005 report on telecommuting participation in the Small Business Administration (SBA). After the Committee received your letter certifying that telecommuting opportunities are now available to one hundred percent of SBA's eligible workforce, the Committee asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review your certification.

The GAO found that there are disparate ways of reporting telework opportunities across agencies. The GAO did confirm that, as reported, your certification was accurate using your agency's definition of telework. Therefore, the Committee will approve the use of \$5,000,000 that was withheld pending your agency's certification of its telework opportunities. However, the Committee remains very concerned that agencies are not fully embracing telework opportunities.



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Dr. Paul Corts
 Assistant Attorney General
 for Administration
 U.S. Department of Justice
 Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Dr. Corts:

This letter responds to your March 3, 2005, report on telecommuting participation in the Department of Justice (DOJ). After the Committee received your letter certifying that telecommuting opportunities are now available to one hundred percent of DOJ's eligible workforce, the Committee asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review your certification.

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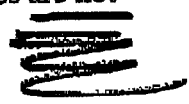
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Mr. Otto J. Wolff
Chief Financial Officer
and Assistant Secretary for Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Wolff:

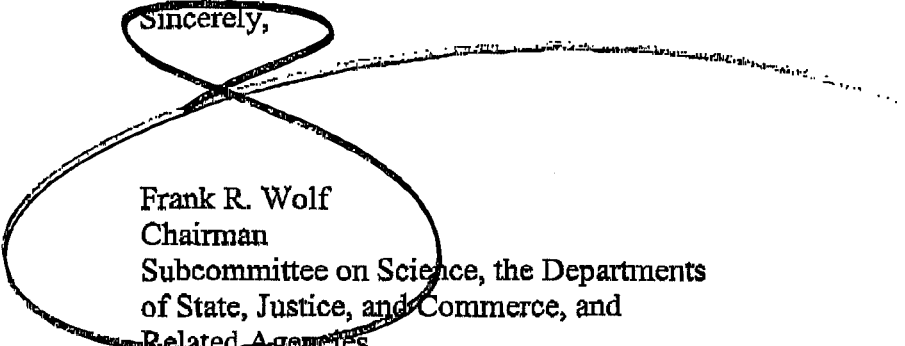
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Mr. Christopher Cox
 Chairman
 Securities and Exchange Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Chairman Cox

This letter responds to your March 1, 2005 report on telecommuting participation in the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). After the Committee received the letter certifying that telecommuting opportunities are now available to one hundred percent of SEC's eligible workforce, the Committee asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review your certification.

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