



February 11, 2009

The Honorable Max Baucus  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510-2602

Re: Conference Consideration of “American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

Dear Senator Baucus:

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The Honorable Dave Camp  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515-2204

Re: Conference Consideration of “American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

Dear Representative Camp:

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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510-2402

Re: Conference Consideration of “American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510-1501

Re: Conference Consideration of “American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

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The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515-0541

Re: Conference Consideration of “American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

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The Honorable Dave Obey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515-4907

Re: Conference Consideration of “American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

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The Honorable Charles Rangel  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515-3215

Re: Conference Consideration of “American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act”

Dear Representative Rangel:

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The Honorable Harry Reid  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510-2803

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The Honorable Henry Waxman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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