

John W. Snow

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The Honorable Jim Cooper
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Cooper:

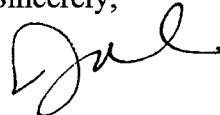
I applaud your efforts to provide greater public awareness of the Financial Report of the United States and agree with your assessment that greater understanding of the issues in the report would help policymakers “face up to fiscal reality.”

I am delighted to have a line from my cover letter for the 2005 report used as a blurb on the back cover of the book.

I will watch with interest your important efforts to give greater prominence to the report.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John W. Snow".