

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-218 Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Lewis:

As you begin to develop appropriations legislation to address our nation's priorities, we respectfully request that you consider the program terminations and reductions proposed by President Bush within the 2007 Budget.

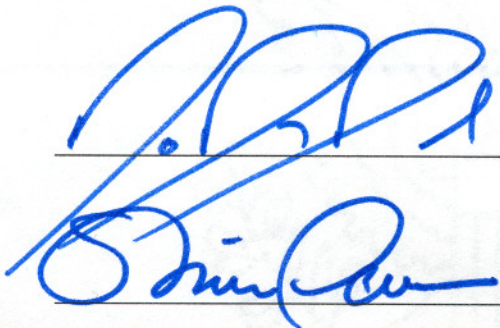
Due to your leadership and commitment to fiscal responsibility, Congress terminated or reduced 89 programs last year, which resulted in \$6.48 billion in savings. These savings have made the federal government more efficient and we must continue to reform programs that no longer serve the beneficiaries that rely upon them.

This year, President Bush has proposed reducing or terminating 141 programs for a total savings of \$14.7 billion. Many of these programs have become outdated, duplicative or simply ineffective. Through a variety of evaluations, including the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), the President has determined that these programs are no longer successful and an efficient use of taxpayer funds. In fact, many of their missions can be better accomplished through similar federal programs that are well-managed and have proven performance-based results.

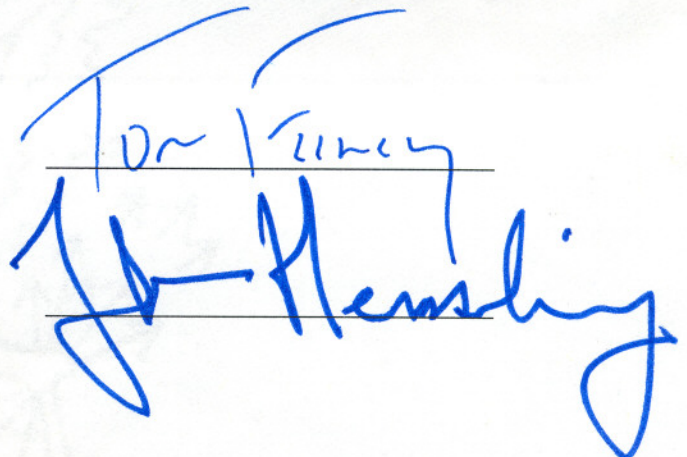
While we may not universally support all of the proposed terminations and reductions, we respectfully request that you give full and fair consideration to the President's proposals when developing spending priorities. As Members that support federal spending restraint, we believe that reducing or terminating ineffective programs will greatly enhance Congress' ability to maintain pro-growth policies, while continuing to reduce the deficit.

Ensuring that federal programs are effective and are consistently able to meet performance goals is a responsibility Congress has to the American taxpayer.

Sincerely,



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