

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Lewis:

As you continue to develop appropriations bills to address our nation's priorities, we respectfully request that you consider the program terminations and reductions proposed by President Bush.

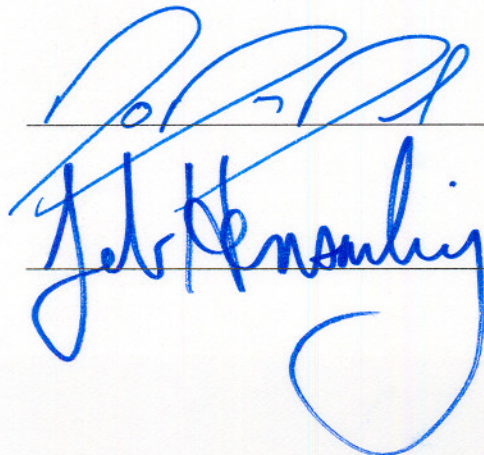
As you know, the President has proposed terminating or reducing funding for federal programs that are duplicative, outdated and ineffective. Through thorough evaluations, such as the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), many of these programs have demonstrated a consistent lack of performance.

These proposed terminations and reductions highlight President Bush's commitment to federal spending restraint that protects the American taxpayer and is essential to sustain the economy's expansion. The savings from these programs will not only help meet deficit reduction goals, but will also allow for well managed and effective programs to be appropriately funded. We believe that the unmet mission of many of these programs can be better accomplished through similar federal programs that are well-managed and have proven performance-based results.

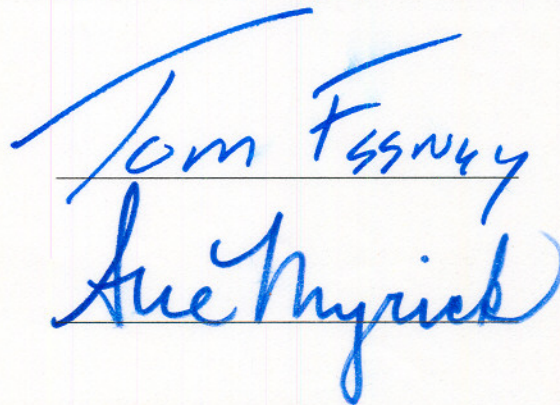
While we may not universally support all of the proposed terminations and reductions, we respectfully request that you give full consideration to the President's proposed terminations and reductions when developing spending priorities. Many federal programs have outlived their usefulness, failed to demonstrate any results, or are simply duplicative in nature. In achieving federal spending restraint, funding programs with proven results and clear missions is the best way to serve the American public.

Terminating or reducing ineffective federal programs is the responsibility we have to the American taxpayer and we look forward to working with the Appropriations Committee throughout the process on these issues.

Sincerely,



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