



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Legislative
and Intergovernmental Affairs
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

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The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a draft bill entitled the "Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008." This bill reauthorizes the programs of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for five years and makes several technical changes to EDA's organic statute, the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965. Also enclosed are a statement of purpose and sectional analysis, and a document showing relevant portions of the statute as amended.

We have been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that enactment would be in accord with the program of the President. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel F. Wienecke".

Nathaniel F. Wienecke

Enclosures

Identical Letters Sent to:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of
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The Honorable Harry Reid
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable John A. Boehner
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The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
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The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
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cc: The Honorable James M. Inhofe
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The Honorable Max Baucus
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cc: The Honorable Johnny Isakson
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