The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,

Robert F. Hale

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As stated

cc: The Honorable Howard P. “Buck” McKeon  
Ranking Member
The Honorable Carl Levin  
Chairman  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  

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Vice Chairman
### 2. Reason for Large Changes in Project Cost Estimate and Savings

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### Departmental 1 and 2 Total

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### Summary of Changes to the Million Expenditure Plan

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5)