



December 14, 2004

Honorable Jim Nussle  
Chairman  
Committee on the Budget  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.  
The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

Douglas Holtz-Eakin  
Director

Enclosure

cc: Honorable John M. Spratt Jr.  
Ranking Member

Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary

Honorable John Conyers Jr.  
Ranking Member

Identical letter sent to the Honorable Don Nickles.



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United States Senate  
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cc: Honorable Kent Conrad  
Ranking Member

Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary

Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Democratic Member

Identical letter sent to the Honorable Jim Nussle.