

United States Senate

September 10, 2007

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd, Chairman
The Honorable Thad Cochran, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-131
U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Byrd and Senator Cochran:

I write in response to your recent letter regarding S. 1, the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, and the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations process.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending item that I requested that is contained in the Fiscal Year 2008 Agriculture Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 Financial Services Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 Interior Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, the Fiscal Year 2008 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, or the Fiscal Year 2008 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, as reported by the Committee on Appropriations.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with the Committee to ensure that Kentucky's priorities are addressed in its legislation. Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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