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December 21, 2010

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
Secretary of Labor
United States Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

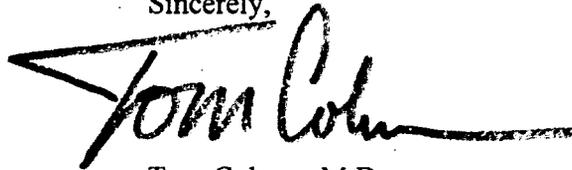
Dear Secretary Solis:

The Department of Labor administers several programs that provide important and often essential financial benefits to unemployed workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own. These programs include: (1) Unemployment Insurance (UI); (2) Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees; (3) Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers; (4) Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08); (3) Extended Benefits (EB); (4) Self-Employment Assistance; (5) Trade Readjustment Allowances; and (6) Disaster Unemployment Assistance.

For each program listed above, please provide the following information for all individuals that received any payment from these programs during Fiscal Years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, who also had an adjusted gross income of \$1,000,000 or greater: (1) name of individual; (2) total adjusted gross income for the Fiscal Year in which the payment was made; (3) name of each program the individual received benefits through; (4) amount of benefits received from each program; and (5) total amount of all program benefits received during each Fiscal Year. This information should be produced in an electronic usable format, such as Microsoft Excel.

Please provide the above information by January 21, 2011. If you have any questions, including the format in which the information should be produced, please contact (

Sincerely,



Tom Coburn, M.D.
U.S. Senator

U.S. Department of Labor

Assistant Secretary for
Employment and Training
Washington, D.C. 20210



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The Honorable Tom Coburn
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis requesting information on individuals who received Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and had an adjusted gross income of \$1,000,000 or more. Your letter was forwarded for response to the Employment and Training Administration, which has oversight responsibility for the federal-state UI program.

The federal-state UI program is a cooperative arrangement between the Federal government and the individual states. Generally, the Federal government is responsible for policy and performance oversight, and the states are responsible for the day-to-day administration of their UI law, including processing claims for benefits and collecting taxes. By agreement, the states also act as agents for the Secretary of Labor in the administration of the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008, Trade Readjustment Allowances, and the Disaster Unemployment Assistance programs.

While the U.S. Department of Labor collects aggregate weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual UI claims information from the states on workload and performance measures, we do not collect or maintain individual claimant benefit and wage data. Therefore, we are unable to provide you with the information you have requested.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at _____

Sincerely,

Jane Oates
Assistant Secretary

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United States Senate

Senator Tom Coburn, MD

May 5, 2011

Via U.S. Mail and Email

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
Secretary of Labor
United States Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

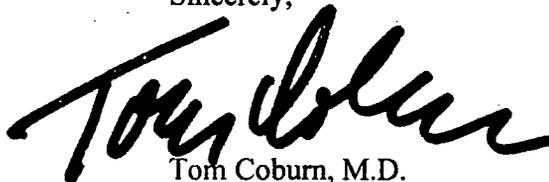
Dear Secretary Solis:

The Department of Labor administers several programs that provide important and often essential financial benefits to certain Americans, who become disabled due to their employment. These programs include: (1) Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation; (2) Coal Mine Workers' Compensation; (3) Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation; and (4) Federal Workers' Compensation.

I am interested in the individuals that receive benefits through these programs. For the programs listed above, please provide the following information for all individuals that received any payment from these programs during Fiscal Years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, who also reported income of \$1,000,000 or greater through any agency measurement of income (such as Adjusted Gross Income): (1) name of individual; (2) total reported income for the Fiscal Year in which the payment was made; (3) name of each program the individual received benefits through; (4) amount of benefits received from each program; and (5) total amount of all program benefits received during each Fiscal Year. This information should be produced in an electronic usable format, such as Microsoft Excel.

Please provide the above information by May 19, 2011. If you have any questions, including the format in which the information should be produced, please contact 

Sincerely,



Tom Coburn, M.D.
United States Senator

U.S. Department of Labor

Employment Standards Administration
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
Washington, D.C. 20210



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File Number:

The Honorable Tom Coburn, M.D.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Hilda L. Solis regarding benefits provided by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).

Your letter requests information for individuals who received benefit payments during fiscal years (FY) 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 from OWCP's Division of Federal Employees' Compensation, Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, or Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation, "who also reported income of \$1,000,000 or greater through any agency measure of income (such as adjusted Gross Income)."

OWCP disability programs do not collect information on "income" since that term generally includes both wages and other earned income and unearned income, such as interest, dividends, royalties and other income classified as unearned income. The OWCP programs do, however, maintain certain information on wages and other earned income of injured worker claimants. We have searched that information for the relevant time periods and have found no instance in which a worker received compensation from OWCP while also reporting annual wages and other earned income of \$1,000,000 or more.

We hope that this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Steinberg
Acting Director, Office of
Workers' Compensation Programs