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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6050

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Dear Colleague:

A number of Senators have asked what steps the Armed Services Committee plans to take to implement S. 1, the Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act of 2007. While we await final action on this legislation, the following interim requirements are intended to ensure that the Armed Services Committee is in a position to implement the requirements of the bill, should it be enacted.

For Member requests for congressional "earmarks" in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, the Member who requests the earmark should include in his or her written request to the Armed Services Committee:

- the name of the Member;
- the name and location of the intended recipient, or if there is no specifically intended recipient, the intended location of the activity; and
- the purpose of the requested earmark.

If your previous request or requests for Fiscal Year 2008 funding include this information, there is no need for them to be resubmitted.

S. 1 also requires that a Member who requests an earmark should provide a certification that neither the Member (nor his or her spouse) has a pecuniary interest in such earmark in violation of Senate Rule XXXVII(4).

Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact Peter Levine, the General Counsel of the Committee, [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
Chairman