

Director

October 30, 2003

The Honorable Ted Stevens  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
S-218, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510-6025

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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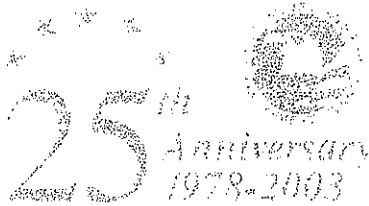
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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
S-125A, The Capitol  
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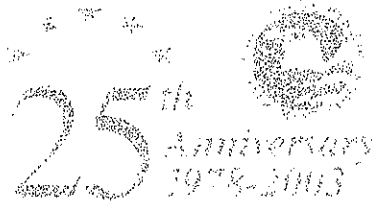
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Chairwoman  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-6250

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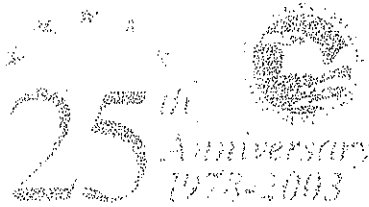
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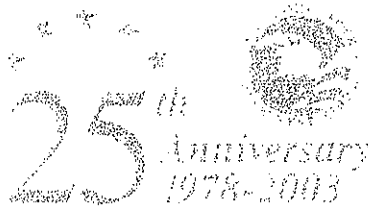


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United States Senate  
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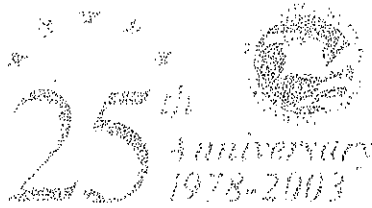
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United States Senate  
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