

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

February 16, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Congress recently passed an enhanced Continuing Resolution that included funding for the FY2007 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill. As you know, this late action on FY2007 funding for most federal departments and agencies was the direct result of the 109th Congress' failure to complete nine of the eleven appropriations bills.

Given that we are nearly half way through the fiscal year before the enactment of final funding levels, most federal departments and agencies face significant challenges and decisions about how to use the funds they have now been provided. I encourage you to use the bill reported out of the Republican-controlled Senate Appropriations Committee during the 109th Congress as guidance when you determine how to allocate your Department's funds in Fiscal Year 2007.

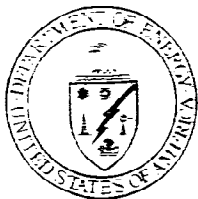
I strongly support the priorities included in that bill and its accompanying report. I believe those priorities are essential to the nation and to my home state of Nevada. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID
United States Senator



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

March 14, 2007

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United State Senate
Washington, D C. 20510

Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

Thank you for your February 16, 2007, letter regarding the allocation of funds appropriated in Public Law 110-5, the enhanced Continuing Resolution for fiscal year (FY) 2007.

I appreciate hearing from you on this matter. The Department is currently preparing the spending plan required in P.L. 110-5. In so doing, we are carefully considering the funding priorities articulated in both the House and Senate versions of the FY 2007 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bills and Reports. We are on track to meet the statutory deadline for the submission of the plan, and I look forward to our continued discussions as part of the FY 2008 budget process.

If you need further assistance, please contact me or Ms. Jill L. Sigal, Assistant Secretary of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel W. Bodman".

Samuel W. Bodman

