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February 16, 2007

The Honorable Alberto Gonzalez
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Gonzalez:

Congress recently passed an enhanced Continuing Resolution that included funding for the FY2007 Commerce-Justice-Science 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 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 were 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 this bill. I believe they 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

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The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

This responds to your letter, dated February 16, 2007, to Attorney General Gonzales, regarding the funding in the Fiscal Year 2007 Senate Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

As we move forward with executing the funding received in the Joint Resolution providing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, we will give full consideration to all applicants.

Thank you for your comments and for your interest in Department of Justice grant programs. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of assistance with this, or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Hertling".

Richard A. Hertling
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General