



The Honorable Max Baucus  
Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Baucus and Senator Grassley:

I am writing to clarify the position of the Department of Labor concerning the continuation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program. The Omnibus Appropriations bill for FY 2008 contains an appropriation to carry out the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers program at the level requested by the President to fully operate the program for the entire fiscal year. It is the Department of Labor's view that this appropriation, if enacted, would provide a sufficient basis to continue to fully operate the program, including issuing certifications of eligibility for new groups of workers after December 31, 2007, without further Congressional action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Stover DeRocco".

Emily Stover DeRocco

cc: The Honorable Charles Rangel  
The Honorable Jim McCrery