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Department of Labor
Miriam McD. Miller
Office of the Solicitor, Rm. N-2428
200 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

May 13, 2003

Re: Freedom of information Act Request

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am requesting documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552 et seq. ("FOIA"), involving correspondence and other information requested by or provided to the following current member of the House of Representatives between the dates listed below.

James "Jim" Gibbons: Rep. 1/1/97-Present

I seek all direct correspondence between the listed members or their staff and your Agency, including letters, reports, requests and other relevant material. I am not seeking any secondary material such as phone logs, e-mails, notations of conversations and so on.

Congress wrote the Freedom of Information Act so that the American people, who do not have the power of subpoena, are guaranteed a broad right to know about the operations and activities of their government and its officials, consistent with personal privacy. Therefore, please release any material that may be reasonably separated and released, as provided by Agency rules in the Code of Federal Regulations. In particular, information regarding individuals (other than the members of Congress listed in this request) should be redacted where disclosure would be an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy. [Per the exemption provided by Congress in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)]

I also request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents. And please identify each document that falls with scope of this request but is withheld from release.

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If requested documents are located in, or originated in, another installation or bureau, please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate installation or bureau.

To the extent that the information is available in electronic format, I would be willing to receive that information on computer disk or CD-ROM, particularly if providing the information reduces the time or expense involved. Otherwise, I would expect to receive the information in paper form.

To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am a representative of a political organization gathering information for research purposes only, disclosure of this information is likely to be in the public interest and is not for commercial activities. I am willing to pay all reasonable costs incurred in locating and duplicating these materials. Please contact me prior to processing to approve any fees or charges incurred in excess of \$150.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request. I am willing to discuss ways to make this request more manageable to your office. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above or on my direct line at (202) 485-3129.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Jones
Research Director

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