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The Honorable J. Durbin
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services
and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-1304

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter communicates our findings on the promptness of payments the Department of the Interior made to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) for water and sewer services billed during the third quarter (April 1 through June 30, 2007) of fiscal year 2007.

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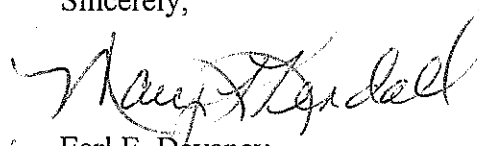
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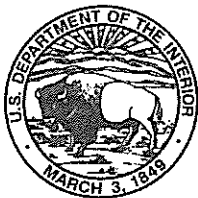
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Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745 or Mr. Roy Kime, Attorney Advisor, Office of Inspector General, at (202) 208-6232.

Sincerely,


for Earl E. Devaney
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Ranking Minority Member
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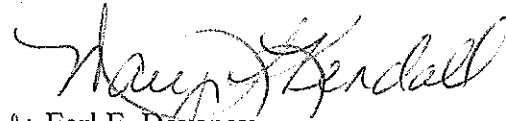
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3216

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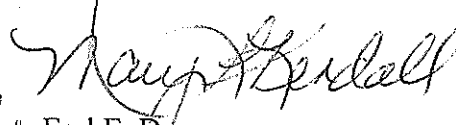
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