



STATEMENT BY

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information about the Department of Commerce's mandatory spending programs.

The Department of Commerce's annual budget authority is in excess of \$5 billion; mandatory spending programs represent less than 2 percent of that total. The schedule below summarizes the Department's mandatory and discretionary budget authority for the past 3 fiscal years.

Department of Commerce Budgetary Authority (in thousands of dollars)

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Mandatory</u> | <u>Discretionary</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 2000 | \$80,397 0.9% | \$8,672,943 99.1% | \$8,753,340 |
| 2001 | \$75,900 1.5% | \$5,098,304 98.5% | \$5,174,204 |
| 2002 | \$104,861 1.9% | \$5,441,015 98.1% | \$5,545,876 |

Following is a list of the audit work we have conducted during those years that is related to the Department's mandatory spending programs:

Financial Statements Audits

- FY 2000 Department of Commerce Consolidated Financial Statements Audit (Report # FSD-12849-1, 3/01)
- FY 2000 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Financial Statements Audit (Report # FSD-12855-2, 3/01)
- FY 2000 Bureau of the Census Financial Statements Audit (Report # FSD-12850-2, 3/01)
- FY 2001 Department of Commerce Consolidated Financial Statements Audit (Report # FSD-14474-2, 2/02)
- FY 2001 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Financial Statements Audit (Report # FSD-14475-2, 2/02)
- FY 2001 Bureau of the Census Financial Statements Audit (Report # FSD-14473-2, 2/02)
- FY 2002 Department of Commerce Consolidated Financial Statements Audit (Report # FSD-15214-2, 1/03)

Other Audits

- Departmental Fund Management Practices Need Improvement Audit (Report # FSD-14271, 9/01)

No problems specific to any of the Department's mandatory spending programs were detected in this audit work.



This concludes my written statement. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 482-4661.