

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 12, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker,

As you are likely aware, the "truth in testimony" rule requires witnesses who testify before House committees to disclose any federal grants or contracts they have received. We write to urge you to strengthen all committees' compliance with this important House rule.

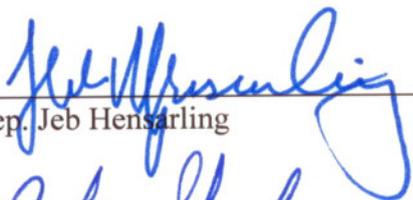
House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(4) states that "In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a **disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof)** received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness." (*emphasis added*)

We request that you encourage all standing House committees (except Rules, Standards, Intelligence, and the joint committees) to abide by this provision of House Rules by:

- universally requiring witnesses to disclose contracts and grants as described in the Rule; and
- posting this information in an easily accessible, highly visible place on each respective committee's majority website in advance of all full-committee hearings and subcommittee hearings.

Abiding by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(4) in this way will make witnesses more accountable for their testimony by ensuring that Congress and the public know whether witnesses stand to gain directly from committee actions, and will help promote an atmosphere of openness and integrity. Thank you for your consideration.

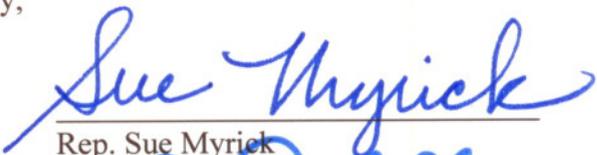
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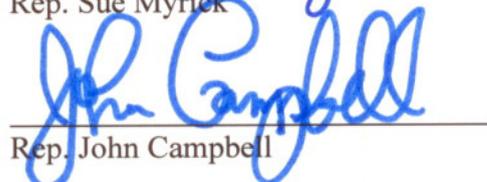
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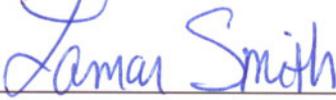
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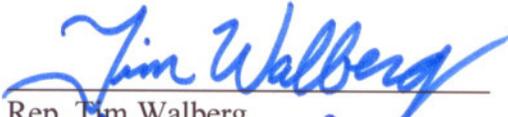
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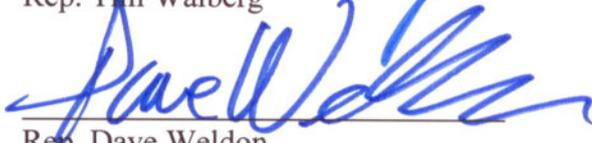
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