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The Honorable Russell D. Feingold
United States Senate
506 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Feingold:

Section 641 of The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 requires the head of each Federal agency to report to Congress on the amount of acquisitions made by the agency from entities that manufacture articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States, and on whether any waivers of the requirements contained in the Buy American Act had been granted with respect to such articles, materials or supplies, and to provide a summary of the total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured in the United States versus funds spent on goods manufactured outside of the United States. This letter serves as the report of the Federal Maritime Commission ("Commission") for fiscal year 2008.

As reported to the Federal Procurement Data Center, the Commission obligated $149,168 between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008 on goods under the different manufacturing categories. Most goods were acquired using General Services Administration ("GSA") Federal Supply Schedule vendors. GSA requires compliance with the Buy American Act requirements in its contracting process. A limited number of publication and information technology product purchases were made subject to the Buy American Act exceptions (i.e., non-availability in the United States or information technology that is a commercial item).

The Commission made no purchases of articles, materials, or supplies that were manufactured outside of the United States within the meaning of the Buy American Act.

No waivers have been granted with respect to such articles, materials or supplies under the Buy American Act (41 USC 10(a) et seq.).

Copies of this report are being distributed to the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, and to the House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee.

Section 641 requires that each Federal agency submitting a report shall make the report publicly available to the maximum extent practicable. In compliance with this provision, the Commission will place the report on its website at www.fmc.gov.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Anthony Haywood, the Commission's Deputy Director of Administration, at (202) 523-5800.

Sincerely,

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