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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 9, 2008

Jim Williams  
Acting Administrator  
U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Mr. Williams:

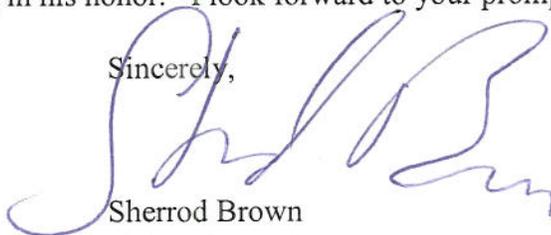
I am writing to request that the U.S. General Services Administration designate the new Federal building in Canton, Ohio as the "Ralph Regula Federal Building".

On December 11, 2008, the city of Canton will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the federal building to be built at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, S.W. I understand that, as part of the lease contract, GSA maintains the naming rights for the building. Naming this new building in Congressman Regula's honor is an opportunity to recognize the significant contributions he has made to Ohio and to the Congressional district he has long represented.

Congressman Regula has represented Ohio's 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives for 36 years and has lent the strength and perspectives gained from his time as a public school teacher, a country lawyer, and a U.S. Navy veteran to his service. As a Republican leader in the House Appropriations Committee, he worked across party lines to improve the lives of Ohioans by bolstering the education system, strengthening health care, and enhancing workforce training programs. Without his leadership, the historic redevelopment of the Ohio and Erie Canalway and the creation of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park – one of the most visited parks in the U.S. -- would not have been possible

Congressman Regula's vision and dedication to both state and country serves as a model for all public servants. I strongly urge GSA to recognize Congressman Regula and his service to Ohio by naming the federal building in his honor. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown  
United States Senate