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THE DIRECTOR

December 21, 2010

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

Thank you for your letter yesterday regarding H.R. 3082, the Continuing Resolution (CR) through March 4, 2011, that the Senate is currently considering. As my office indicated in the correspondence your letter references, Section 8006 of the FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Act required the Department of Defense (DoD), as a statutory matter, to fund the Joint Strike Fighter Alternate Engine Program during FY 2010.

As currently drafted, H.R. 3082 would continue FY 2010 funding, terms, and conditions for the entire Federal government through March 4, 2011, except in areas where the CR indicates otherwise. In the case of continued FY 2010 provisions, including Section 8006 of the FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Act, DoD would be expected to continue funding activities on a pro-rata basis during the period covered by the CR, so as not to impinge on Congress' full-year funding prerogatives for FY 2011.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kate Eltrich, Associate Director for Legislative Affairs, at 202-395-4790.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob J. Lew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jacob J. Lew
Director