December 15, 2006

The Honorable Stephen Lynch
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lynch:

Last June, OMB transmitted to the House Committee on Government Reform the Information Collection Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2006 (2006 ICB). Subsequently, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the Department of Health and Human Services revised its estimate of the paperwork burden related to the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit. CMS submitted the revised estimate to this Committee, along with an explanation for the revision, in correspondence dated October 13, 2006. At the same time, CMS submitted the revised estimate to OMB’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA).

In light of the revised CMS estimate of the Part D paperwork burden, OIRA has made conforming revisions to the 2006 ICB (to incorporate the revised estimate) and is posting this revised version on OMB’s website, along with a copy of the CMS submission to OIRA of October 13, 2006.

Thank you for your interest in the 2006 ICB.

Sincerely,

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Identical Letters sent to The Honorable Thomas Davis, The Honorable Candice Miller, and The Honorable Henry Waxman