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The Honorable Jack Reed  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Enclosed is a copy of the pilot project status report for FY 2010. A similar letter is being sent to Senator Lisa Murkowski, Congressmen Michael K. Simpson and James Moran.

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