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VIA FAX (410-993-1691)

Dear Mr. Young:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are conducting an investigation of possible conflicts of interest in contracting at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). One of the agreements that is the subject of our inquiry involves FDA technology contracts with Platinum Solutions, Inc.

It is our understanding that one of the Platinum Solutions contract awards involved replacing your firm in 2004 on a data project intended to speed handling of applications to the FDA. We need any information surrounding the circumstances of FDA's termination of ProObject's contract, including but not limited to performance evaluations or other measures of how your firm was implementing the terms of the agreement.

We also request all records relating to the termination of that agreement. This includes but is not limited to all records relating to any performance evaluations from the FDA.

Please provide the requested information and records no later than the close of business on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. Please interpret the words "records" and "relating to" in accordance with the attachment to this letter.

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Should you have any questions regarding these requests, please contact David Nelson of the Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-2927 or Alan Slobodin of the Committee Minority staff at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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