



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**Assistant Secretary for Administration**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

APR 11 2006

The Honorable Russell D. Feingold  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feingold:

Thank you for your letter requesting the status of the Buy American report and purchases of foreign goods made by the Department of Commerce. The Department is pleased to submit the report entitled, Report to Congress on Acquisitions Made from Manufacturers Inside and Outside the United States in Fiscal Year 2004. This report is provided in response to Section 645 of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-199).

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This report has been transmitted to the appropriate Senate and House Appropriation Committee and Subcommittee.

Please contact me at (202) 482-4951 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Commerce and its programs.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Byrd:

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Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Committee on Appropriations  
U. S. House of Representatives  
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