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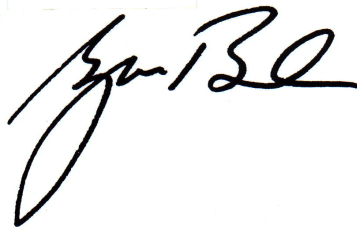
Dear Mr. Speaker:

In furtherance of the provisions of P.L.107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, today I am notifying Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund.

This reallocation within the United States Postal Service reflects revised requirements related to the anthrax incidents that affected the Nation's mail. As provided in P.L. 107-38, the reallocation would be effective 15 days from the date of this transmittal.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to revise the allocation of certain funds provided in P.L.107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001. This request would reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) to the United States Postal Service (USPS).

The Administration now proposes that the USPS reallocate, within the same account, a portion of the emergency funds it received from the ERF. On November 5, 2001, you transferred \$175 million to the USPS, of which \$100 million was for irradiation equipment purchases and \$75 million was for the costs of personnel protection equipment (e.g., gloves and masks), first response/environmental testing kits and services, site clean-up and medical goods and services, and public education material. The current proposal would provide the USPS with greater flexibility by eliminating the two distinct funding categories. The proposal would enable the USPS to spend the remaining unobligated portion of emergency funding on either purpose as circumstances dictate. This proposal recognizes the Postal Service's experience in responding to the anthrax incidents and is consistent with its Emergency Preparedness Plan of March 6, 2002. This reallocation would be effective 15 days after the transmittal of this request.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Postmaster General in recommending your approval of the requested reallocation.

Sincerely,

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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosure

**REALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND
TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**

United States Postal Service (USPS)
Payment to the Postal Service Fund

On November 5, 2001, the President transferred \$175 million to the USPS from the Emergency Response Fund to be used for the following purposes: \$100 million for irradiation equipment purchases and \$75 million for the costs of personnel protection equipment (e.g., gloves and masks), first response/environmental testing kits and services, site clean-up and medical goods and services, and public education material. The President has now reallocated the funds within the same account to provide the USPS with greater flexibility in its efforts to respond to the attacks by eliminating the two distinct funding categories. The USPS will now be able to spend the remaining unobligated portion of emergency funding on either purpose as circumstances dictate. The reallocation would be effective 15 days from the date of this transmittal.