

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Office of the Secretary

June 11, 2003

The Honorable Patty Murray
US Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

Reference your recent letter to me, please be advised that the Department of Homeland Security will obligate, in the near future, the entire \$58 million in appropriated funds for the "Operation Safe Commerce" port security initiative.

Thank you for your interest in this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Ridge", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Tom Ridge