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United States Department of Energy,
1000 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20585

March 10, 2009

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552 et seq. ("FOIA"), involving correspondence and other information requested by or provided to Robert Portman, the former Member of the House of Representatives (1993-2005), former U.S. Trade Representative (2005-2006), and former Director of the Office of Management and Budget (2006-2007).

Specifically, I am seeking all direct correspondence between Portman and or representatives from his offices and the Department of Energy, including letters, reports, requests and other relevant material. I am not seeking any secondary material such as phone logs, e-mails, notations of conversations and so on.

I also request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents, should you withhold any. Please identify each document that falls with scope of this request but is withheld from release.

If requested documents are located in, or originated in, another installation or bureau, I would request that you please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate installation or bureau.

To the extent that the information is available in electronic format, I would prefer to receive that information via email or CD, particularly if providing the information reduces the time or expense involved. Otherwise, I will expect to receive the information in paper form.

To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am gathering information for research purposes and not for commercial activities. I am willing to pay all reasonable costs incurred in locating and duplicating these materials. Please contact me prior to processing to approve any fees or charges incurred in excess of $150.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request. I am willing to discuss ways to make this request more manageable to your office. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above or on my direct line at (202) 485-3147 or at Gooden@dscc.org.

Sincerely,

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Researcher

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