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October 2, 2008

The Honorable Christopher Cox
Chairman
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Chairman:

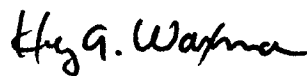
The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is conducting an investigation into the causes and effects of the financial crisis on Wall Street. As part of this investigation, the Committee will be holding a hearing on the role that federal regulators have played in the financial excesses on Wall Street. I am writing to request your testimony about this issue before the Committee on Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

I ask that you be prepared to testify about your actions as the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the regulation of financial institutions and markets, company disclosure documents, "subprime" mortgages, mortgage-backed securities, and derivatives.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact me or ask your representatives to contact David Rapallo or Margaret Daum of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420. We look forward to your testimony.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member