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Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Joseph Lieberman  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
340 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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- USDA had a total expenditure of \$5,772,973 in FY 2008 and \$5,554,711 for FY 2009 for products manufactured outside the United States
- There were no waivers granted with respect to such articles, materials, or supplies under the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a) for FY 2008 and FY 2009.
- Total USDA procurement funds spent for goods manufactured in the United States for FY 2008 was \$501,350,777 and \$521,023,813 for FY 2009.

As required, this report will be made available for public viewing on our Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/procurement/>.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding our results or have your staff contact Donna Calacone, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Procurement Policy Division, at (202) 205-4036 or by e-mail at [Donna.Calacone@usda.gov](mailto:Donna.Calacone@usda.gov).

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary



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