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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with title VIII, subtitle C, section 8306, of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28), the head of each Federal Agency is required to submit a report to Congress on the dollar amount of acquisitions made by the Agency to entities that manufacture articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States. This letter provides information for the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) acquisitions for fiscal years (FY) 2010 and 2011.

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- USDA had a total expenditure of \$5,993,188 in FY 2010 and \$5,546,049 in FY 2011 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. 8301 et seq.) for FY 2010 and FY 2011.
- Total USDA procurement funds spent for goods manufactured in the United States in FY 2010 was \$373,657,938 and \$426,037,762 in FY 2011.

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 Al Muñoz, USDA's Office of Procurement and Property Management, Procurement Policy Division, at (202) 720-1273, or by email at [Al.Munoz@dm.usda.gov](mailto:Al.Munoz@dm.usda.gov).

A similar letter is being sent to Congressman Darrell E. Issa.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary



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Committee on Oversight and  
Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom J. Vilsack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Vilsack" clearly legible.

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary