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March 28, 2012

The Honorable Karen L. Haas Clerk of the House United States House of Representatives U.S. Capitol, Room H154 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Haas:

I am writing in regards to a letter dated March 16, 2012, I received from the House Committee on Ethics Chairman Jo Bonner and Ranking Member Linda T. Sanchez, which requested the need for additional information from my 2010 financial disclosure statement.

In the "CY 2010 FORM A CHECKLIST: MEMBERS, OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES", which was attached to the March 16<sup>th</sup> letter the Ethics Committee checked SCHEDULE III. ASSETS & "UNEARNED" INCOME - Box 7. Fund/IRA/401K/trust, underlying assets not reported.

On March 21, 2012, a member of my congressional staff contacted the Ethics Committee and met with Ms. Heather Jones to clarify the additional information the committee requires. Ms. Jones explained on the 2010 Financial Disclosure Statement SCHEDULE III - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME the Committee wanted additional information on the listed asset "Raymond James IRA."

On March 26, 2012, my staff contacted Ms. Jones after researching this issue and found the listed Raymond James IRA full title is Raymond James Financial 401k Plan and this is not a self directed fund.

I trust this additional information will address the concerns of the Ethics Committee.

Should you have any additional question, please feel free to contact me or a member of your staff can contact my Chief of Staff, Jonathan Blyth, at 202-225-3026.

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