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June 14, 2012

Karen L. Haas
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives
B-106 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Clerk Haas:

For estate planning purposes, my parents, Mr. Manuel and Mrs. Maria Teresa Becerra, recently requested that my sister and I file quit claim deeds for two rental properties that they purchased in 1976 and in 1977. My name and my sister's name were listed on the deeds along with my parents' names for estate planning purposes only. Neither my sister nor I have enjoyed any attributes of ownership in these properties. My parents received all income generated from the properties and assumed all liabilities related to the properties. My intent is to submit the quit claim deed no later than July 31, 2012 and at that time I will have no interest whatsoever in either of the two rental properties.


I am filing this letter because it occurred to me as I was preparing my financial disclosure statement that it is possible that I should have listed these properties on prior financial statements. The fact that my sister's and my name appear on the deeds suggests that we have an ownership interest in the properties even though neither of us nor our parents have ever considered or treated the properties other than as the exclusive property of our parents. Rather, we have considered our interest to be contingent; any interest in the properties would only pass to us upon the death of our parents. It remains unclear to me whether my contingent interest in these properties was required to be disclosed; my understanding from the Committee's instructions is that disclosure generally is not required if one's interest in the asset is "strictly contingent."

However, out of caution and my desire to fully comply with the financial disclosure requirements, I am filing this letter as an addendum to my prior filings. Accordingly, each of my prior filings should be amended to include the following additional assets in Schedule III:

Name of Asset	Range of Value	Type of Income	Range of Amount of Income
Rental property, 3809 34 th Street Sacramento, CA 95820	\$50,001 – 100,000	None	None
Rental property, 551 Pecan Street W. Sacramento, CA 95691	\$100,001 – 250,000	None	None

As I stated above, I am filing a quit claim deed to extinguish any future interest that I have in these properties.

Sincerely,


XAVIER BECERRA
Member of Congress