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The Honorable Pete Wilson  
United States Senator  
2040 Ferry Building  
San Francisco, California 94111

Dear Senator Wilson:

This is in response to your letter dated June 6, 1989, concerning efforts to obtain retro-active interest on her Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) account. You requested our review of this matter to determine the appropriate assistance for Ms. .

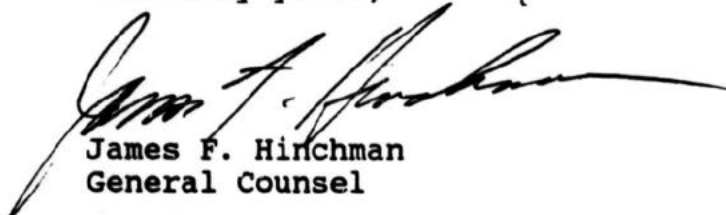
As you are aware, in our decision of February 3, 1989, Agency Authority to Pay Lost Earnings on Contributions to Employee Thrift Savings Plan Accounts, B-231205, we held that in the absence of express statutory authority, an agency is prohibited from paying lost earnings to an employee's TSP account. However, in that decision we supported a statutory change that would grant agencies the necessary authority.

On May 31, 1989, Representative Gary Ackerman introduced a bill, H.R. 2514, that would grant agencies the authority to make payments to employee TSP accounts for earnings lost due to administrative error. Enclosed for your information is a copy of H.R. 2514.

Hearings on H.R. 2514 have been scheduled for July 25. Enactment of this bill would provide a remedy for Ms. .

I hope that you find this letter responsive to your inquiry. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Hurwitz of my staff at .

Sincerely yours,



James F. Hirschman  
General Counsel

Enclosure