The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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Mr. Gene Hathenbruck, SES (Retired), Director, Directorate of Logistic Management, was found responsible for the violations by improperly authorizing the obligation of operating budgetary resources for a capital asset. No disciplinary action was taken against Mr. Hathenbruck, because he has retired from Federal Service. It was determined that the violations contained no willful or knowing intent on the part of the responsible party to violate the ADA.

To prevent a recurrence of these types of violations, the Air Force has instituted several corrective actions to include mandatory Fiscal Law training. In addition, the Air Force Material Command has established the Integrated Requirements Review Board process which requires all new systems and/or changes to existing systems be formally reviewed by key functional and financial management leadership before approval.
Identical reports will be submitted to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Comptroller General of the United States, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Robert F. Hale

Enclosure:
As stated
The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the Senate
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  

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