



United States
General Accounting Office
Washington, D.C. 20548

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Dear [redacted]:

This is in response to your letter of June 6, 1987, in which you contest a determination by the Department of Labor that you owe \$8,183.59 to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. The General Accounting Office has no jurisdiction to consider this matter. Section 8145 of Title 5, United States Code, grants the Secretary of Labor exclusive authority to administer the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (5 U.S.C. § 8101 et seq.) and to decide all questions of interpretation and application. Furthermore, section 8128 of Title 5 provides that the Secretary of Labor's actions with regard to compensation payments are final and conclusive and not subject to review by another United States official or by a court.

In your letter you also claim that you are entitled to compensation because the United States Postal Service removed you from employment in violation of 5 U.S.C. § 8151(b) which provides certain retention rights for employees whose disability has been overcome. We have no jurisdiction to consider this matter either. (See 5 C.F.R. § 353.308). Any claim you have regarding your removal from employment should be directed to the Merit Systems Protection Board which is located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Sincerely yours,

Jessica A. Botsford
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