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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee:

We are pleased to participate in the Subcommittee's oversight hearings on the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Section 2 of Public Law 101-449, dated October 1990, requires GAO to periodically audit expenditures made pursuant to an agreement to be negotiated between the Center and the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service. This agreement, which is required by Section 1 of the law, is to set forth the respective responsibilities of each agency for the maintenance, repair, alteration, and operation of the Center.

As of June 1, 1992, the parties had not completed the agreement. Because our required audit is an analysis of expenditures made pursuant to the agreement, we have not started any audit work. However, since the enactment of Public Law 101-449, we have met twice with National Park Service and Kennedy Center officials to discuss the status of the proposed agreement. We will continue to monitor the progress of the negotiations and as soon as practicable, after the agreement is finalized, initiate our audit.

That concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman.