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The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman and Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Section 505 of Public Law 113-6, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) hereby requests approval to retain 50 percent of the fiscal year 2013 unobligated balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013.¹ Section 505 states:

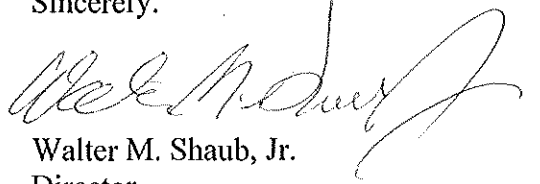
Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2013 from appropriations for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2013 in this Act shall remain available through September 30, 2014, in the account and for the purposes for which the appropriations were provided: *Provided*, That prior to the obligation of such funds, a request shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives for approval in accordance with section 503 of this Act.

OGE requests \$49,431.40, which represents less than 50 percent of the current unobligated balance remaining in OGE's appropriation at the end of fiscal year 2013. OGE proposes to use this funding for continued work on the STOCK Act mandated electronic financial disclosure system that OGE is currently engaged in developing. Specifically, the requested carryover funding would be spent to design and create analytical tools to enhance OGE's oversight of the executive branch ethics program by displaying, in real-time view, information about agencies' financial disclosure programs.

¹ On June 23, 2014, OGE submitted a letter seeking approval to retain the 2013 unobligated funding for a different purpose. That letter is hereby withdrawn.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you need additional information, please contact Shelley K. Finlayson, Chief of Staff and Program Counsel, at (202) 482-9314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter M. Shaub, Jr.", written in black ink.

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director