

Director

October 30, 2003

The Honorable C.W. Young
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515-6015

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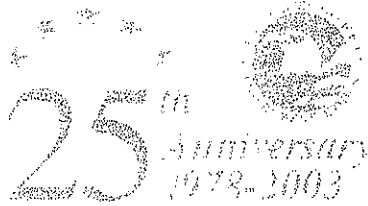
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Amy L. Comstock

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Ranking Minority Member
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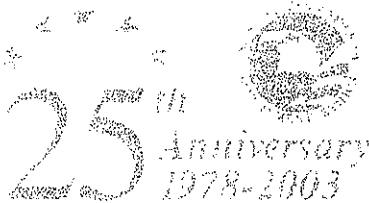
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Committee on Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20516-6143

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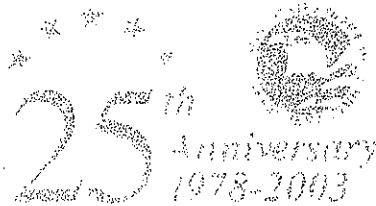
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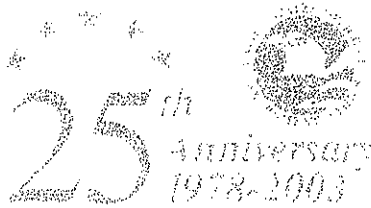
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Committee on Science
United States House of Representatives
2320 Rayburn House Office Building
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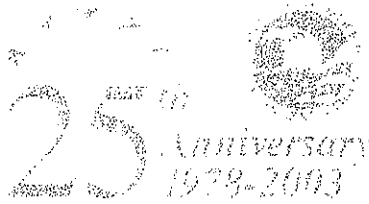
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