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The Honorable Carlos M. Gutierrez
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Gutierrez:

Under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating the decision by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to cancel its survey of new direct foreign investment in the United States. As we understand it, this decision will leave only aggregate data on financial investment by foreign entities and multinational corporations available for analysis. It would appear that there would be no measure of the investments that have positive effects on the American economy such as greenfield projects, which produce new jobs. Instead, such inflows will be included with the purchase of American brands, such as the recent foreign purchase of Anheuser Busch, which may lead to the loss of American jobs.

To understand this policy decision, which appears to be designed to disguise the impact of failed Administration policies resulting in a seriously weakened dollar and the export of American jobs overseas, the Committee requires that you provide all records relating to BEA's decision to eliminate the survey of new direct foreign investment in the United States.

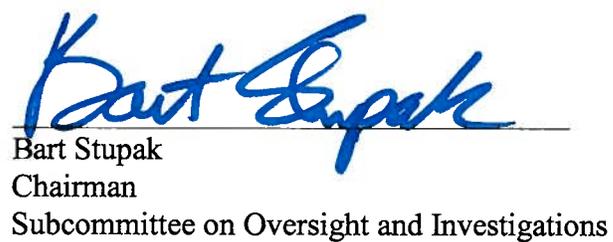
The terms "records" and "relating to" are defined in the attachment to this letter. Please provide the requested documents within two weeks of the date of this letter. If you have any questions relating to this request, please contact David Nelson with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

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Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
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The Honorable John Shimkus, Ranking Member
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