



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

MAY 15 2003

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
President of the Senate
Washington, DC 20510-0010

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a draft bill entitled the "Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2003". This bill reauthorizes the programs of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for five years and makes a number of changes to EDA's organic statute, the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965. Also enclosed are a statement of purpose and need, a sectional analysis, and a document showing the text of the statute as amended.

We have been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that enactment would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Evans", written in a cursive style.

Donald L. Evans

Enclosures

Identical Letters to be Sent to:

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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The Honorable Bill Frist
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Tom DeLay
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Thomas Daschle
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable James M. Inhofe
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