

United States Senate

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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

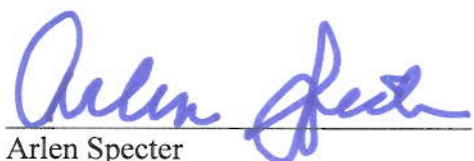
The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman of Appropriations Committee
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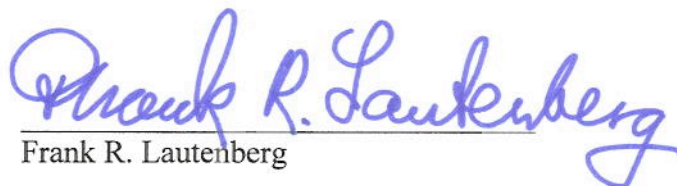
Dear Leader Reid and Chairman Inouye:

We write to request that the provisions of S. 369 not be included in any appropriations bill this Congress. S. 369 is an anti-trust bill and outside the purview of the Appropriations Committee. Furthermore, we have substantive concerns with the content of these provisions, and feel that they can only be properly resolved through the regular order in the Senate. S. 369 was favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee on October 15, 2009, and is awaiting time on the Senate floor, where its provisions can be fully and fairly debated.

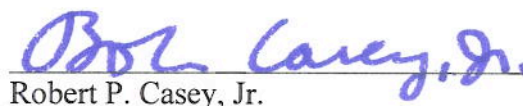
The inclusion of S. 369 in an appropriations bill contradicts both the spirit and the letter of the Senate rules. Therefore, we ask you to ensure that appropriations bills in the 111th Congress not include S. 369.

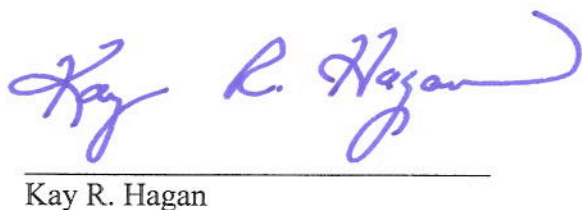
Sincerely,


Arlen Specter


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