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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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We have determined that this rule is not a "major rule" as defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(2). We have confirmed this determination with the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosed is a copy of the final rule that is being transmitted to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. This final rule will become effective 45 days after it is published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Original signed by DKRathbun

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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Washington, DC 20510

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General Counsel
General Accounting Office
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