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July 18, 2007

**The Honorable P. Lynn Scarlett**  
**Deputy Secretary**  
**Department of the Interior**  
**1849 C Street, N.W.**  
**Washington, DC 20240**

**Dear Deputy Secretary Scarlett:**

**Thank you for your July 6, 2007, letter regarding the questionable activities of former Deputy Assistant Secretary Julie MacDonald. Regrettably, your letter is unresponsive to our requests for information made at the May 9, 2007, hearing and in our letter of May 21, 2007. While we understand the Inspector General is reviewing Ms. MacDonald's role in the removal of the Sacramento Splittail from the list of threatened species, his investigation is separate from our ongoing Congressional oversight. Therefore, we reiterate the requests we previously made on May 9, 2007, and May 21, 2007.**

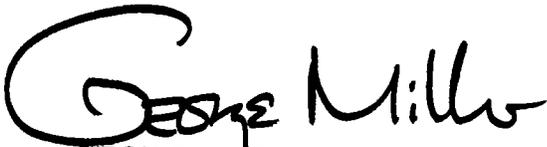
**In addition, we would appreciate receiving answers to the following questions.**

- 1. Notwithstanding Ms. MacDonald's failure to recuse herself from any decisions that might have related to her property in California, has the Department provided any advice or ethics opinions on the matter?**
- 2. Has the Department determined Ms. MacDonald had conflicts of interest? Did she or did she not have conflicts of interest?**
- 3. Did the Department take any disciplinary actions against Ms. MacDonald for the Code of Federal Regulations violations identified by the Inspector General including her alleged disclosure of nonpublic information used by the California Farm Bureau in a court matter?**

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**Because you have already had substantial time to review our initial questions and produced information for Inspector General Devaney for his investigation, we expect a complete response within 10 days of your receipt of this letter for our investigation. Please coordinate your production of the requested information with Ms. Lori Sonken with the Natural Resources Committee staff at (202) 225-6065.**

**Sincerely,**



**GEORGE MILLER**  
**Member,**  
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