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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

April 28, 2008

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial  
Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Office of the Governor  
Caller Box 10007  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Fitial:

Thank you for your letter of April 25, 2008, submitting the Implementation Plan on the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 (the Plan) in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, P.L. 110-185 (the Act), requires that the Treasury Department make a payment to the Commonwealth in an amount equal to the loss to the Northern Mariana Islands by reason of the amendments made by section 101(c) of the Act.

In accordance with the Act, we have estimated the loss to the Commonwealth by reason of the Act to be \$16.1 million. A payment in this amount will be made by the Treasury Department to the Commonwealth to fund the prompt distribution of stimulus payments to residents of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to the Plan.

Sincerely,

Henry M. Paulson, Jr.