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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
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Dear Representative Cummings:

I am writing in response to your letter dated April 25, 2012, which expressed interest in efforts by the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR) to advance bipartisan reforms to improve the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). A full explanation of ILR's proposed reforms is publicly available at http://www.instituteforlegalreform.com/sites/default/files/images2/stories/documents/pdf/research/restoringbalance_fcpa.pdf, and at <http://www.instituteforlegalreform.com/doc/letter-to-the-doj-and-sec-regarding-forthcoming-guidance-on-the-foreign-corrupt-practices-act>. A copy of these documents are included with this letter.

As explained in these documents, if the reforms we have proposed are adopted, companies will, in the future, better understand their obligations and responsibilities under the FCPA.

In accordance with the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended by the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, the ILR files quarterly reports disclosing all of its lobbying activities, including those relating to the FCPA, with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives. The ILR's most recent report can be found at <http://disclosures.house.gov/ld/ldxmlrelease/2012/Q1/300471428.xml>.

Sincerely,



R. Bruce Josten

cc: The Honorable Darrell Issa, Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform