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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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U.S. House of Representatives
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Ranking Member
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Dear Ranking Member Dicks:

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**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
Quarterly Report to Congress on Pipeline Safety Inspection and Enforcement Staffing
June 30, 2012**

Location	As of March 31, 2012					As of June 30, 2012				
	No. of Inspection/ Enforcement Positions (FY 2012)	Actual On-Board	Accepted Offers, Not Yet On-Board	Remaining Vacancies	% of Positions Filled	No. of Inspection/ Enforcement Positions (FY 2012)	Actual On-Board	Accepted Offers, Not Yet On-Board	Remaining Vacancies	% of Mandatory Positions Filled
Headquarters (HQ)	16	14	0	2	88%	16+7	20	1	2	125%
Eastern Region	16	16	0	0	100%	16+1	16	1	0	100%
Southern Region	16	16	0	0	100%	16+1	15	1	1	94%
Central Region	28	25	0	3	89%	28+1	25	2	2	89%
Southwest Region	30	26	3	1	87%	30+1	27	2	2	90%
Western Region	29	28	0	1	97%	29+2	27	2	2	93%
TOTALS	135	125	3	7	93%	135+13=148*	130	9	9	96%

* The total number of inspection and enforcement positions includes the minimum of 135 positions, as referenced in section 18(e) of the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006 (11 Stat. 3498) and cited in the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011, plus additional regular billets and overhires to account for attrition.

Quarterly Summary: As of June 30, 2012, PHMSA filled 130 of 135 baseline inspection and enforcement positions, a gain of 5 employees since its March 31, 2012 quarterly report. The details of the gain are provided in the chart below. Additionally, 9 prospective employees have accepted positions but are not yet on-board with PHMSA.

(C) Details of the Quarterly Gain

Office/Region	Net Difference
HQ	+6
Southern	+1
Southwest	+1
Western	+1
TOTAL	+5