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The National Treasury Employees Union

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VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Lurita A. Doan
Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
18th and F Streets, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Administrator Doan:

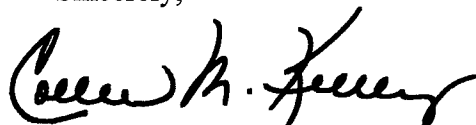
On behalf of the National Treasury Employees Union and the more than 150,000 federal workers in 30 government agencies that we represent, I am writing again on the subject of raising the mileage reimbursement rate for federal employees who use private vehicles for official government work.

You indicated in your November 20, 2006 reply to my earlier letter that the Privately Owned Automobile (POA) mileage reimbursement rate was under review and a rule on the decision would be published in the *Federal Register* no later than January 1, 2007. Now that January 1st has passed and a decision has not been reached, I urge you to expedite that decision and increase the rate to 48.5 cents per mile for federal workers without delay.

As you know, this decision would be consistent with the Internal Revenue Service's action in raising the standard mileage rates used to calculate deductibility for taxpayers who use cars for business, charitable, medical, and moving purposes to 48.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2007. In the past, General Services Administration has raised the POA mileage rates for federal employees who rely on their vehicles, to the same level.

I appreciate your cooperation in the past and look forward to your positive resolution of this matter. Federal employees face the same costs as those in the private sector, including rising gas prices, and they deserve the same rate increase.

Sincerely,



Colleen M. Kelley
National President