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**Re: Howard, et al. v. Department of Commerce**

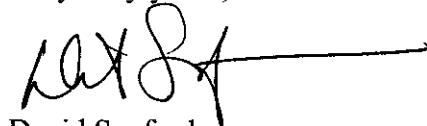
Dear Janet, Joyce, and Tanya:

As you know, we filed the *Howard, et al. v. Gutierrez* Complaint on behalf of a proposed class of Commerce former and current employees in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on October 5, 2005. Judge Bates recently granted Defendant's Motion to Strike Class Claims. We are now drafting and will file on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, a Motion for Reconsideration to Reinstate Class Claims.

Until final resolution of the issue of whether this case can proceed as a class action -- and final resolution may involve numerous appeals -- **all individual claims should remain subsumed in this class action.**

Again, we very much appreciate your contributions to this matter and your willingness to devote time and energy in furtherance of the class goals.

Very truly yours,



David Sanford