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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2362-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

I am pleased to submit to the Committees on Appropriations this quarterly report on the status of the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT) for the first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2010. As directed in Senate Report 111-39 accompanying the Agricultural Appropriations Act, 2010, the Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service prepared this report in consultation with the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Food for Peace. There have been no expenditures made under the BEHT during the first quarter of FY 2010.

Similar letters have been sent to Congressman Kingston and Senators Kohl and Brownback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

Enclosure

**Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust
Financial Report**

FY 2009 Summary

Cash Available for FY 09 on October 1, 2008:	\$314,854,986.77
-Expenditures: Commodity and Bags (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)	(\$4,430,454.66)
-Reimbursements (FY 03 and FY 05 Cash Recoveries Returned)	\$4,619,394.26
Cash Balance Available as of September 30, 2009:	\$315,043,926.37

FY 2010 To Date

First Quarter

Cash Available for FY 10 on October 1, 2009:	\$315,043,926.37
- Accounting Adjustment*	\$233,563.98
Cash Balance Available as of December 31, 2009:	\$315,277,490.35

*In past periods, \$233,563.98 of payments had been incorrectly charged to the Emerson Trust account instead of P.L. 480, Title II. This issue was identified during a reconciliation process and a correcting entry was made during this reporting period.