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Secretary Kathleen Sebelius
The U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Sebelius:

I write to you regarding Primate Products, an animal research company in Southwest Florida. Between 2009 and 2010, this Florida based company was awarded four federal contracts through your Department totaling \$1,343,872. These contracts were funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, commonly referred to as the Stimulus.

According to the Recovery program's website, the three states purposes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are: (1) create new jobs and save existing ones; (2) spur economic growth activity and invest in long-term growth; and (3) foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending.

My offices have researched these specific awards to track how they, and subsequently Primate Products, have contributed to job creation, long-term economic growth, and accountability of government spending in my state of Florida. However, aside from reporting their awards to the Recovery.gov website, we have yet to find evidence that these four contracts have accomplished any of these goals.

Madam Secretary, I would appreciate your thorough review of these contracts and furnishing me with a detailed report outlining how each has met the stated requirements. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Connie Mack
Member of Congress