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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
US House of Representatives
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The Honorable Danny K. Davis, Chairman
Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and District of Columbia
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
US House of Representatives
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Dear Chairmen Waxman and Davis,

The GAO Employees' Organization and our national union, the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) reiterates its support for H.R. 5683, the Government Accountability Office Act of 2008, sponsored by Chairman Danny Davis and co-sponsored by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and their legislative efforts to provide retroactive pay to hundreds of GAO employees who did not receive across-the-board pay adjustments in 2006 and 2007 and set minimum requirements for future cost of living adjustments. We also reiterate our full support for Congresswoman Norton's legislation that would provide for increased independence of GAO's Personnel Appeals Board and its General Counsel as the primary vehicle GAO employees have to pursue final resolution of their complaints of discrimination and prohibited personnel practices.

Both measures are critically important to the GAO Employees' Organization and we look forward to working diligently to see that both move through the legislative process successfully. As the PAB bill continues to work its way through the legislative process separate from Chairman Davis' bill that is being considered today, we at IFPTE look forward to working closely with Congresswoman Norton on her much needed bill. She is to be commended for taking on this critical concern.

The GAO Employees' Organization greatly appreciates your dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of GAO's employees and we look forward to working with you both on these critical pieces of legislation.

Sincerely,

Ronald La Due Lake
Chair, Interim Council
GAO Employees' Organization

Cc: The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton