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The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary
Department of the Treasury
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Dear Secretary Geithner,

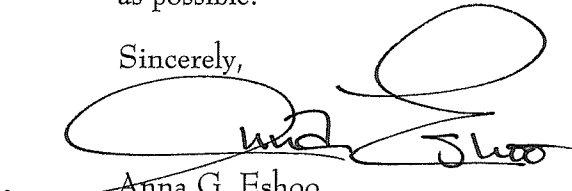
Thirty six of my colleagues and I wrote to you on February 13, 2009 regarding the critical issue of the Troubled Asset Recovery Program (TARP). We requested that you exercise your authority under Section 103(7) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to purchase the troubled assets held by local governments.

We wrote to you again on May 22nd to follow up on this issue and we underscored to you that this is an issue of tremendous importance to our constituents. You responded in writing on June 17th and offered to speak with us. My staff then contacted your office on behalf of my colleagues and myself on the following days to attempt to schedule a meeting with you: June 23rd, June 25th, July 6th, July 8th, July 20th, July 21st, and July 31. Your office contacted my office Thursday September 10th to inform us that you would not meet with us and they offered your staff.

These are historic times for those of us representing our constituents in the Congress. We understand the demands and catastrophic problems the new Administration inherited as a result of the eight years of failed Bush policies. What is deeply disappointing and unexpected, however, is the disregard for our request to meet with you and have the opportunity to discuss directly how your decision to not exercise your authority is impacting our most fragile constituents and having an enormous impact on the future of public education.

Again, I ask on behalf of my colleagues for a meeting with you to discuss this matter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

Enclosures

cc: Vice President Joe Biden
Chairman Barney Frank, House Financial Services
Congresswoman Jackie Speier
Members, California Congressional Delegation