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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Mary B. Mazanec, Director  
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The Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C. 20540-7210

Dear Director Mazanec:

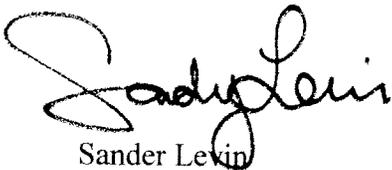
Thank you for your letter of November 6<sup>th</sup>. While I appreciate your response, I remain deeply concerned about the circumstances that led to your decision to remove the report in question from the CRS website and I hope you can clarify a few points.

You noted that the decision to remove the report from the website was made by you, after “discussion with Service and division management.” Was CRS ever asked by the staff of a Congressional office to retract the report?

Your letter indicates that you concluded that the report “would benefit from more extensive documentation and explanation of the methodology underlying the economic analysis.” Importantly, you do not question the analysis and conclusions made in the report. Can you please inform me if the process of updating the report to include such additional documentation and explanation has begun, and if so, when will the report be back on the CRS website?

Again, thank you for your response, and I look forward to hearing from you on these clarifications so that we can be sure to preserve the nonpartisan and objective analysis of CRS that Members and their staff rely on every day.

Sincerely,



Sander Levin  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Ways and Means