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July 29, 2008

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Waxman:

Thank you for your letter of July 28, 2008. I have appreciated your concern and support over the nearly five years of my term as Special Counsel. I was appointed by the President and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate for a five-year term. That term ends on January 5, 2009. As you may already be aware, the President very recently declined an invitation to dismiss me under OSC's authorizing statute, at least according to news accounts. I will note your concerns and will take them under advisement as I consider the remaining few months of my term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott J. Bloch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Scott J. Bloch  
Special Counsel