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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
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The Capitol H-232
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The Honorable John Boehner
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
The Capitol H-107
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Dear Speaker Hastert and Majority Leader Boehner:

As you may know, yesterday the Senate passed S. 2590, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. I am writing to ask that you take immediate action to ensure that the Senate version is also approved in the House. The current House-passed bill, H.R. 5060, fails to mandate the inclusion of contracts awarded in the searchable database created by the bill. In 2004, the federal government spent \$340 billion on contracts. Excluding them from the bill's purview would signify a considerable flaw in the legislation.

I would also like to congratulate House leadership for taking the early initiative to pass this bill and hope that this effort will continue until the bill is signed by President Bush.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Flake".

JEFF FLAKE
Member of Congress