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Dear Mr. Skilling:

Since late last year, the Committee on Energy and Commerce has been engaged in a broad investigation of the financial collapse and subsequent bankruptcy of Enron Corporation. It has held five hearings on Enron-related matters and reviewed thousands of documents. On March 1, 2002, as a follow-up to the February 7, 2002, hearing of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Representative Waxman, a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee who attended that hearing, requested that you respond to a series of questions relating to Enron Broadband Services, Enron's effect on North American energy prices, special purpose entities, and Enron's political activities. A copy of that letter is attached.

As Chairman Tauzin stated to you at that hearing, "Let me announce that the committee record will remain open for 30 days. . . . We would also invite you to answer written questions as they may be submitted to you, and I understand a number of members have suggested, including Mr. Markey, that he has some written questions for you. We would appreciate your response, in writing if possible." Other Members have submitted questions and received answers from you or your attorney.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Letter from Bruce A. Hiler to Reps. Tauzin, Greenwood, Dingell, and Deutsch (Mar. 8, 2002) (responding to a follow-up request from the four members on Feb. 8, 2002); Letter from Bruce A. Hiler to Rep. Dingell (Feb. 12, 2002) (responding to a follow-up request from Rep. Dingell on Feb. 11, 2002).

Rep. Jackson-Lee, who is not a Committee member, was also permitted to submit questions through Rep. Markey.

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Unfortunately, you have chosen not to respond to Rep. Waxman's questions. Instead, one of your attorneys, Lee Blalack, wrote to Rep. Waxman on April 11, 2002, and indicated that his questions were not related to "duly authorized inquiries of congressional committees" and thus apparently do not merit a response. Mr. Blalack also explained that you "do not have the time . . . to provide answers to the detailed questions of 535 separate Members of Congress" and that "one of the purposes of the committee structure is to focus the congressional oversight function."

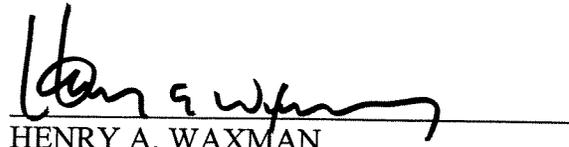
While we appreciate Mr. Blalack's thoughts on congressional oversight, he is unfortunately mistaken. Rep. Waxman's March 1, 2002, letter was written to you in his capacity as a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. It was in that capacity that he attended the February 7th hearing and asked you several questions. The March 1 letter contained additional written questions relevant to the Committee's investigation, including questions asked of witnesses at other Enron-related hearings held by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The four issues in the March 1 letter all fall squarely within the Committee's jurisdiction.

As you have already responded to other written questions submitted by members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, we see no reason why you should disregard Rep. Waxman's questions. We urge to reconsider the position taken in your April 11, 2002, letter and provide a prompt response to the questions asked in Rep. Waxman's March 1 letter.

Sincerely,



JOHN D. DINGELL  
RANKING MEMBER



HENRY A. WAXMAN  
MEMBER

Attachments

cc: The Honorable W. J. "Billy" Tauzin, Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable James C. Greenwood, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable Peter Deutsch, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations