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Ms. Deidre Huber, Director  
Property Management Division (FBP)  
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Dear Ms. Huber:

Xcess Xpress, the 21-day simultaneous screening period proposed by GSA nearly two years ago, gained the qualified approval of the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property. While we approved of the GSA initiative to move property in a more efficient, expeditious manner, we expressed grave concerns regarding loss of donable property under the new system.

Our primary concern continues to be the expeditious sale of property as a result of Xcess Xpress.

When the concept was first introduced to our Association, we noted that the system lacked the necessary mechanism to allow State Agencies to obtain property allocated to but not picked up by Federal agencies or other qualified recipients of excess property. At that time, we were promised by GSA that the installation of a "trigger" that would automatically return such property to the donation cycle would be in place, so that we may return it to public use rather than permit valuable property to be sold for pennies on the dollar.

We again expressed this same concern upon the activation of Xcess Xpress in April 2002.

Now, in July 2003, we still see no evidence that this "trigger" is in place and working. In fact, we observe property under this process moving directly from excess to sales. While it is impossible to quantify the total amount of property expedited to sales, even one piece of heavy equipment means that one less local government can serve its taxpayers. Even one fire truck or ambulance or four-wheel drive vehicle means that one less first responder can adequately meet the growing concerns of our homeland defense. Even one computer means that one less economically disadvantaged school can provide the training its students need to break the cycle of poverty and bridge the digital divide.

After more than two years of making requests regarding this issue, we urge you to find an immediate solution to this problem. We do not request this change for our benefit, but on behalf of the taxpayers we serve through our donation program.

Pro Bono Publico,

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