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The Honorable John Berry  
Director  
U.S. Office of Personnel Management  
1900 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20415

Dear Mr. Berry:

In recent weeks it has come to light that certain offices of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) have been engaged in activities that appear to further illegal activity such as false tax return preparation, child prostitution and human trafficking. Both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives have since voted to deny additional federal funding to ACORN.

My staff has reviewed over 90 organizations affiliated with ACORN. I am including their memo to me that summarizes their review. At least one of the organizations they reviewed, the ACORN Institute Inc., was a 2009 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) participant. I ask that the ACORN Institute and any other ACORN affiliates, particularly any of those reviewed by my staff, be prohibited from participating in the CFC. The acts perpetrated by ACORN employees were impermissible and should not be supported with CFC dollars.

Please provide a response by October 9, 2009. Thank you for your time and assistance. Please contact my staff at (202) 224-4515 with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member

Enclosures

cc: Combined Federal Campaign Director Mark Lambert