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The Honorable Dave Camp
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Dear Chairman Camp,

Since 1981, the Committee on Ways and Means has published the Green Book, which presents background material and statistical data on the major entitlement programs and other activities within the Committee's jurisdiction. Over the decades, the Green Book has become a valuable resource and standard reference on American social policy. It is widely used by Members of Congress and their staffs, analysts in congressional and administrative agencies, members of the media, scholars, and citizens interested in the Nation's social policy.

Committee staff who oversaw preparation of the Green Book include Matt Weidinger, staff director of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, assisted by Anne DeCesaro, Ryan Martin, Caitlin Alcalá and Ann Stehling of the subcommittee staff. Numerous committee staff reviewed individual chapters. Ted Clark directed the Committee's efforts to host and publish the Green Book online, assisted by Ryan Huff who managed many of the administrative duties associated with the publication of this important document.

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On behalf of all those who worked on this, the 21st edition, I am pleased to transmit the 2012 Green Book to you and other Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sincerely,



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