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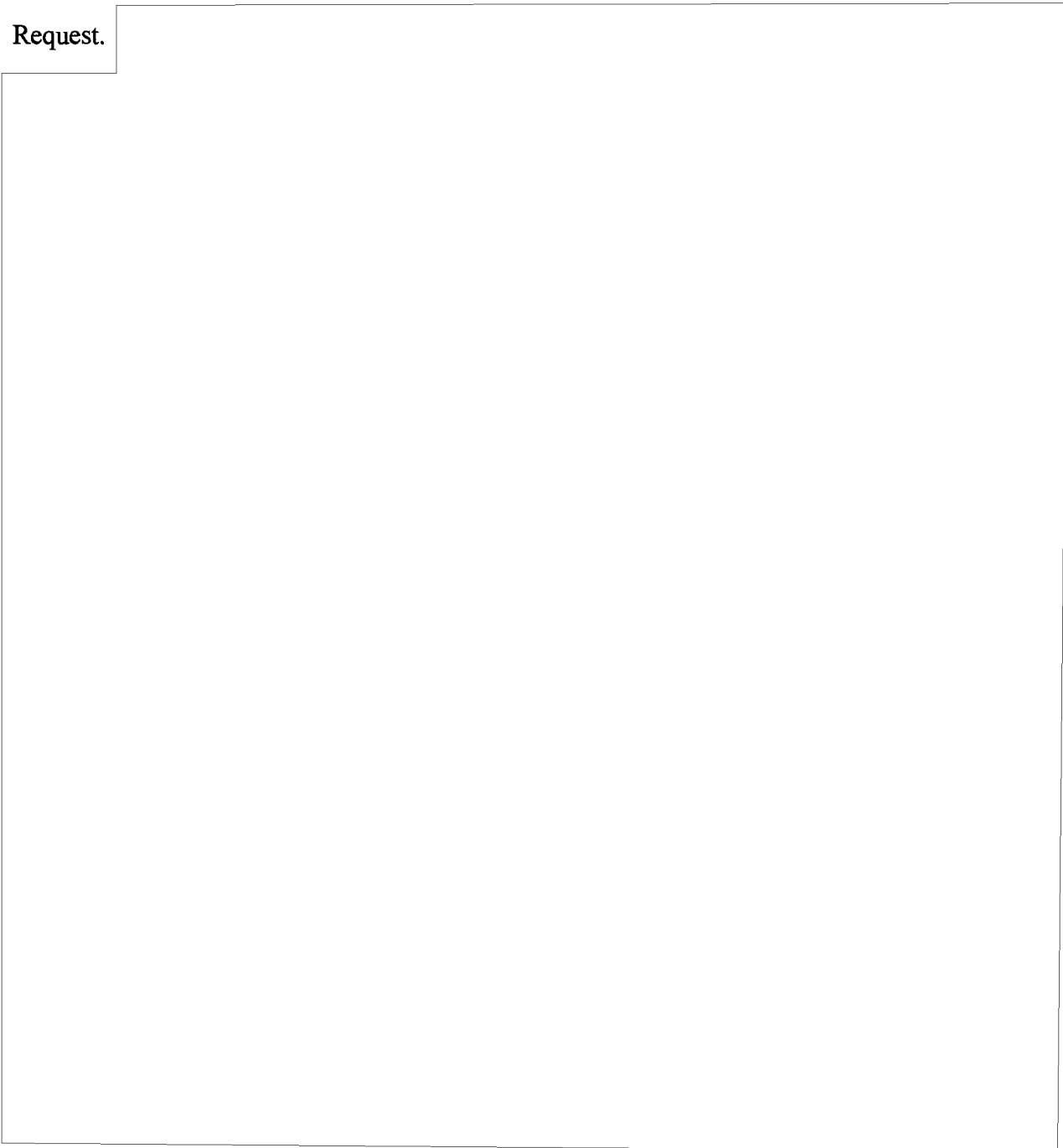
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**SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT M. GATES
OPENING STATEMENT
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009
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Mr. Chairman, Senator Cochran, members of the committee:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss the Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental

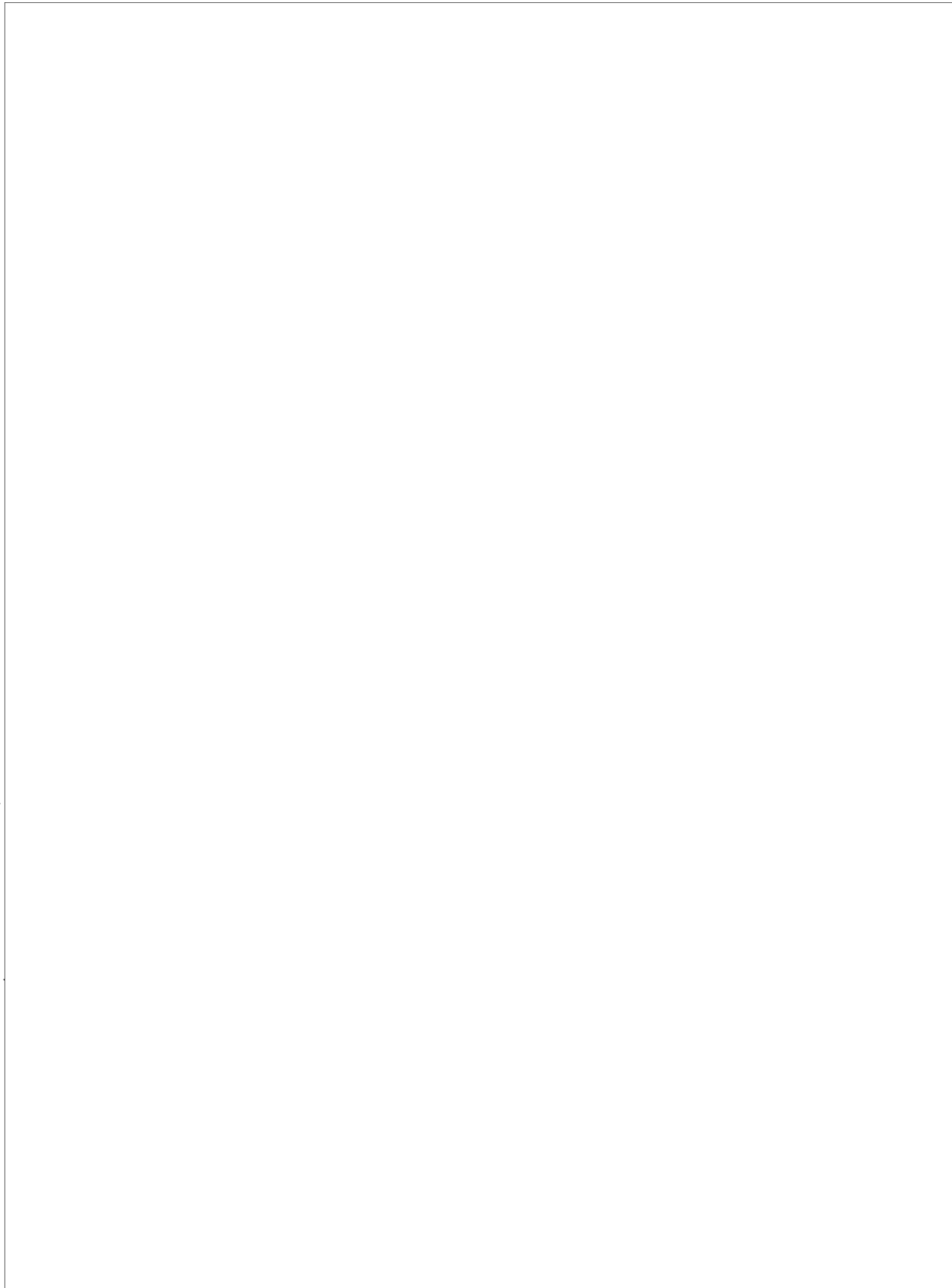
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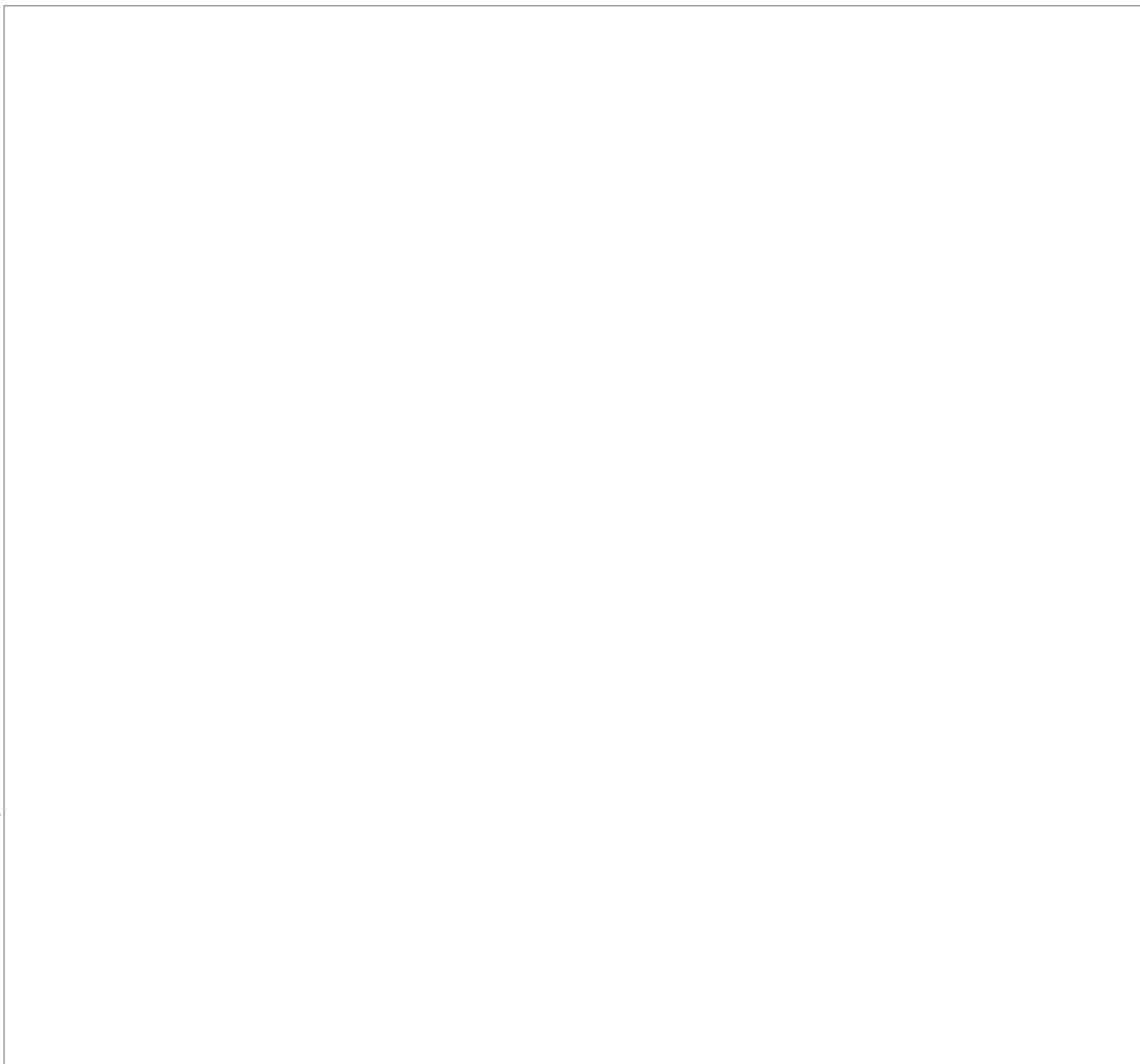
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