

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$300,000 for the McBean Regional Transit Center's (MRTC) park-and-ride facility project. This effort is a vital expansion of an intermodal, transportation hub that serves hundreds of local bus riders, commuters, carpools, and vanpools every day. This funding would be used to help construct a permanent park-and-ride lot (300 parking spaces), provide passenger loading areas, bus bays, and the infrastructure to service passengers using multimodal travel. These upgrades are necessary to accommodate the additional demand for transit service into the City of Los Angeles (a ridership that has increased 31% over the last six years), increase safety and efficiency, cut emissions, and provide economic development opportunities within the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$200,000 to assist the City of Palmdale's efforts to expand the Transportation Center's train platform to accommodate the additional Metrolink train cars. The project provides this extension to conform to current Metrolink standards, which were adopted after construction of the center. This project is vital to ensuring continued public transit access into Los Angeles from the Antelope Valley.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH—

OF NEW JERSEY—

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The School for Children with Hidden Intelligence—

Address of Requesting Entity: The School for Children with Hidden Intelligence, 812 E. County Line Road, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Description of Request: The \$250,000 in funding would be used to help in the construction of a new 52,000 square foot facility to accommodate the increased need for special educational services. The facility, located on a 13-acre wooded campus, will provide services for New Jersey's severely disabled and underprivileged children.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill: 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill

The Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE)—Lincoln Land CC

Requesting Entity: Lincoln Land Community College at 5250 Shepherd Rd. Springfield, IL 62794.

The funding will be for the LLCC HIRE Education Program to allow for pre apprenticeship training in energy production fields and construction trades to meet regional demand.

The Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE)—Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Requesting Entity: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is located in Edwardsville, IL 62026.

The funding will be for a high tech simulation laboratory for advance practice nursing students to help address a nationwide nursing shortage.

The Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services—The Hope Institute for Children and Families

Requesting Entity: The Hope Institute 15 E. Hazel Dell Lane Springfield, IL 62712

The funding will be for equipment, for training and a conference center, and dental clinic at the Children's Healthcare Partnership, Noll Medical Pavilion.

The Account: Innovation and Improvement—Reading is Fundamental

Requesting Entity: The point of contact for Reading Is Fundamental is Stephen Leach and the address is 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC 20009.

The funding would be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—Hamilton Memorial Hospital

Requesting Entity: Hamilton Memorial Hospital is located at 611 S. Marshall McLeansboro, IL 62859.

Hamilton Memorial serves a very poor, rural area of Illinois and is in need of capital to convert this EMR project to better serve their patients. The funding will be to assist electronic file management and forms, computerized physician order entry, and a new HIS server to support electronic file conversions.

#### RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 17, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1018. Current practices by the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to maintain the population of our nation's wild horses and burros have been ineffective, inhumane and expensive.

This bill will significantly curb the costly and inhumane practice of rounding up our nation's wild horses and burros into crowded short- and long-term holding pens. In their report, "Effective Long-Term Options Needed to Manage Unadoptable Wild Horses," the Government Accountability Office (GAO) confirmed that the bulk of budget shortfalls faced by the Bureau of Land Management have resulted from current management methods that move wild horses and burros from Herd Management Areas (HMA) to long- and short-term holding areas. The report affirms that BLM will face budget shortfalls if long-term corrections to current management practices are not put in place.

In the past, I have advocated for significant changes to current herd management practices to ensure that long-term reduction of wild horse and burro populations on public lands is not achieved by slaughter. Such concerns were expressed by the public and Members of Congress alike as recently as last summer.

The slaughter of these animals is an unacceptable solution that jeopardizes public trust and undermines congressional intent. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has never exercised its authority to slaughter wild horses and burros. Financial shortfalls are not sufficient reason to end the BLM's good record. As such, I strongly support the effective and humane actions this bill has taken to replace current practices.

Under this bill the Bureau of Land Management will identify appropriate public lands and sanctuaries for our nation's wild horses and burros. With passage of this bill, most of the beautiful and treasured wild horses and burros currently in holding pens will be released to roam on public lands. Additionally, the BLM's adoption program for wild horses and burros will be strengthened to improve efforts to increase adoption by qualified individuals. Furthermore, the bill wisely includes a provision that will help protect threatened and endangered species by requiring BLM to ensure a "thriving natural ecological balance" on public lands designated for wild horses and burros.

I strongly support this important bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities & Equipment

Legal Name of Recipient: Hazard-Perry County Airport Board—Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport

Address of Recipient: P.O. Box 420, Hazard, KY 41701

Description of Request: Provides directed funding of \$500,000 for an Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport in Hazard, KY. for precision azimuth and elevation guidance signals to aircraft. For the 12-month period ending September 21, 2006, the airport had 10,200 aircraft operations, an average of 27 per day: 85% general aviation, 14% air taxi and 2% military. This project will make a more secure environment for military and civilian operations and provide safer landings at this regional airport.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Housing & Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunity Council (Gray, KY.)

Address of Recipient: 5448 US 25 East, Gray, KY 40734

Description of Request: Provides directed funding of \$250,000 for the construction of a health and wellness facility in Barbourville, KY., an area with a long history of high unemployment and high poverty. No such facility currently exists in the region, and this project would help combat serious health issues faced by residents as a result of the pervasive problems of obesity and diabetes—thereby greatly increasing the quality of life for local residents. This facility is being constructed through a partnership between the City of Barbourville, KY., Union College and KCEOC Community Action Agency.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Housing & Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Blood Center

Address of Recipient: 3121 Beaumont Centre Circle, Lexington, KY 40513

Description of Request: Provides directed funding of \$500,000 for the construction of new donor center along US-27 in Somerset, Ky., which would allow for storage of a large volume of blood components. The Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) currently leases a smaller space, which has proved insufficient to accommodate the growth in blood donation and staffing in the area. According to the American Association of Blood Banks International Task Force on Domestic Disasters, the single greatest risk from a disaster is not a lack of blood—but a disruption of the blood delivery system. The new Somerset Center will allow KBC to develop a regional approach in meeting blood donation needs, increasing preparedness for a disaster or blood emergency. The project has already undergone development and design, and can be under construction within 90 days.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Recipient: LKLP Community Action Council—Hazard, Ky.

Address of Recipient: 398 Roy Campbell Drive, Hazard, KY 41701

Description of Request: Through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Trans-

portation Delivery, provide funding of \$1,000,000 for Hazard-based LKLP Community Action Council to construct a transit facility in West Liberty, Ky. A parking and transit structure would enhance the basic downtown infrastructure to support commuters and businesses, and this new transit facility will serve as an economic catalyst and hub for downtown revitalization in Morgan County, Ky. LKLP operates a number of federal Public Transportation programs including Section 5311, Section 5310, Section 5316 and Section 5317.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Address of Recipient: 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$750,000 to expand US-25 to 4 lanes near Corbin in Laurel County, Kentucky, which will greatly decrease congestion and increase safety in the area. Highway spending yields a 32% annual return on investments measured over decades, which far exceeds most other public or private investments. This important project is included in Kentucky's 2008 Highway Plan, as approved by the 2009 Kentucky General Assembly.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Recipient: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Address of Recipient: 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$750,000 to for continued construction of the Somerset Northern Bypass (I-66). Upon its completion, I-66 will provide a vital connection between Southern and Eastern Kentucky and the nationwide road system. This is crucial to providing Appalachian Kentucky residents with better access to health care, opening up communities to tourism, and supporting additional supply lines for new businesses. The highway will also improve safety for people traveling in and around the area. Highway spending yields a 32% annual return on investments measured over decades, which far exceeds most other public or private investments.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH-

OF NEW JERSEY—

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288: Making Appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and other Agencies for FY 2010.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hamilton Township

Address of Requesting Entity: Hamilton Township, 2090 Greenwood Ave., PO Box 0150, Hamilton, NJ 08650

Description of Request: The \$350,000 in funding would be used to provide sidewalks and bike paths to Hamilton Township schools, allowing over 800 school age children with safe walking and biking paths to get to and from their schools.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Atlantic Health System located at 475 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, 07960.

Description of Request: H.R. 3293 includes \$750,000 in funding which will be used to expand and upgrade Atlantic Health System's Emergency Department (ED) to ensure that the ED continues to provide the very best possible emergency and trauma care while meeting an ever increasing influx of patients.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Somerset Medical Center located at 110 Rehill Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Description of Request: H.R. 3293 includes \$600,000 in funding which will be used to help improve patient safety through its information technology initiatives. Somerset Medical Center is a pioneer among hospitals nationwide in the implementation of electronic medical records. Over the past seven years, the medical center has spent more than \$36 million to implement an electronic health record system in order to become more efficient, reduce the cost of patient care, enhance patient safety and improve the overall health of the community it serves.

Bill: H.R. 3293, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services