

confine these individuals. In addition, there are currently no beds available in our Administrative Maximum United States Penitentiary in Florence, Colorado, to confine any more Federal inmates, let alone any of the Guantanamo Bay detainees. If called upon to confine any of these detainees, we would most likely confine them in ADX Florence and in one or more high-security penitentiaries. Depending on the numbers, this might require us to transfer a sufficient number of inmates to other penitentiaries in order to create the necessary bed space. Such transfers would impose significant additional challenges on our agency." Clearly the transfer of these detainees to anywhere in America is dangerous and must be prohibited.

My second amendment would express the sense of Congress that active military personnel who live in or are stationed in Washington, DC, would be exempt from the District's firearms restrictions. On June 26, 2008, the Supreme Court of the United States in the case, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, held that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm for traditionally lawful purposes, and thus, ruled that the District of Columbia's handgun ban and requirements that rifles and shotguns in the home be kept unloaded and disassembled or outfitted with a trigger lock to be unconstitutional. However, the D.C. City Council has circumvented the Supreme Court ruling by enacting the Firearms Control Emergency Amendment Act of 2008, making a waiver necessary to ensure that our military men and women—of which there are 40,000 in Washington and who have been trained in firearm use—are permitted to safely carry a firearm in the District.

A further amendment would prohibit DoD civilian employees from using official paid work time for union activities, ensuring that American taxpayers are not subsidizing labor organizations. DoD was one of the largest abusers of using "official time" for union activity. Its total number of official time hours in FY 2008 was 331,099 (a 5.1% increase from FY 2007). OPM estimated the official time wage cost for the DoD was \$12,141,699 for FY 2008, which is an \$855,694 increase from FY 2007. This is just one example of union activity being subsidized by taxpayer dollars on official time.

My final amendment would have provided the Secretary of Defense with a waiver from section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 regarding the procurement of alternative fuels if the Secretary feels that a waiver is appropriate to enhance the readiness of the Armed Forces. Section 526 prohibits all federal agencies from contracting for alternative fuels that emit higher levels of greenhouse gas emissions than "conventional petroleum sources." DoD accounts for over 80% of all federal government fuel usage, and its annual fuel expense more than doubled between 2003 and 2007—from \$5.2 billion to \$12.6 billion. The Secretary of Defense needs a waiver from section 526 so that DoD's fuel costs can be kept low.

Mr. Chair, there is much to be proud of in this bill. I again commend Chairman SKELTON and Ranking Member MCKEON for their efforts to keep this bill focused on the needs of the war-fighter, a fact that I hope is not lost as we progress through the amendment process.

CELEBRATING FISH AND LOAVES COMMUNITY PANTRY'S MIL- LIONTH POUND SERVED

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge, honor, and celebrate the Fish and Loaves Community Pantry for serving its one millionth pound of food to people in need from across the Downriver area. Since its opening in 2007, Fish and Loaves continues to collaborate with churches, food banks, and hundreds of volunteers to provide cost-free, quality groceries to thousands of families and individuals.

Tough economic times have made acquiring even basic necessities difficult for many residents of Southeastern Michigan. Many of the people that Fish and Loaves serve are below the poverty line, lack medical coverage, and struggle to pay for essential services.

The organizers of the Fish and Loaves Community Pantry recognized this and, in response, churches and volunteers joined together in remarkable collaboration to construct a special kind of food pantry. The facility, located in Taylor, is arranged as a small grocery store in which individuals may select the items they need most, which include quality products like fresh produce, dairy products, frozen meat, and perishable items. Of course, everything is still provided at no cost to the client. The pantry serves the residents of Taylor, Romulus, Allen Park, Southgate, Dearborn Heights, and Brownstown.

Fish and Loaves provides assistance to those in need with both efficiency and dignity by providing a wide variety of foods and household products from which to choose. The hard work and dedication of the Board and volunteers is the source of its great success and support it gives to the thousands of individuals and families it helps to feed.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in honoring the Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry on its millionth pound of food served. It is an exemplary organization that continues to be an invaluable member of the Southeastern Michigan community and for which I, and thousands others, are truly grateful.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Environmental Protection Agency, State Tribal Assistance Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Carlsbad, CA

Address: 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$500,000 for the Vista-Carlsbad Inter-

ceptor project (VC4), consisting of wastewater pipeline improvements project, including the construction of a new 24-inch HDPE forcemain, the trenchless rehabilitation (lining) of the existing 24-inch forcemain and refurbishment of pipeline appurtenances. VC4 is one of a number of joint wastewater projects between the cities of Vista and Carlsbad. VC4 is one of two pipelines that convey all of the wastewater from the City of Vista to the Encina regional wastewater treatment facility. In April 2007, the 24-inch ductile iron pipeline ruptured creating a significant sewage spill into the Buena Vista Lagoon. The 2,400 foot long 24-inch diameter pipeline receives flow from the cities of Carlsbad, Oceanside and Vista. This is the only year of funding needed to complete this aspect of the project. The cities of Carlsbad and Vista will provide the remaining funds required for the project directly.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, in accordance with House Republican Conference standards, and Clause 9 of rule XXI, I submit the following member requests regarding H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

Project: Air Filtrations Systems for Helicopters

Account: Department of Defense, Army, Aircraft Modifications

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aerospace Filtration Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4 Research Park Dr, Suite 200, St Charles, MO, USA

Description of Request: To provide \$2,000,000 to install barrier filtration systems on National Guard aircraft. This request would allow the National Guard to obtain dramatic savings by reducing engine replacements and thus maintenance, keeping overall engine performance from being reduced due to erosion and Foreign Object damage (FOD), and increasing readiness rates of the ARNG fleet. The earmark will address a portion of the ARNG fleet to include: AH-64A APU Barrier Filter—32 Aircraft; AH-64D APU Barrier Filter—48 Aircraft; CH-47 APU Barrier Filter—80 Aircraft; OH-58A/C Engine Barrier Filter—50 Aircraft. AFS Barrier Filtration Systems capture 99% of the dirt and debris that would otherwise enter the engine or APU and cause a significant loss of performance. This prevents engines/APU's from being removed from the aircraft for costly maintenance or overhaul. Engine overhaul costs could cost as much as \$300,000 on one engine. By extending the life of the engine/APU up to 11 times, the savings from one installation kit could be as high as \$6.6M on one AH-64 helicopter alone. AFS barrier filters in use by the U.S. Army in the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan have been proven extremely effective. These kits have allowed engines to reach TBO and have been a major part of unprecedented readiness rates for the aircraft fleets.

Project: Hyperspectral Imaging for Improved Force Protection (HYPER-IFP)

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E (CERDEC, NVESD, Special Projects)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clean Earth Technologies, LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 13378 Lakefront Drive, Earth City, MO, USA

Description of Request: To provide \$5,400,000 for the Hyper-IFP (Hyper spectral Sensor for Improved Force Protection) Program. The introduction of a Hyper-IFP in FY08 is allowing the detection and recognition of humans (with a near zero false alarm rate) and providing indication of other certain physiological triggers that can indicate that a person is under extreme stress such as contemplating "bad" behavior. To date successful development, test and evaluation has been done in the lab, though these systems have not been fully optimized for theatre operation or for costs. The continued funding of Hyper-IFP will operationalize and integrate the knowledge gain in the lab and apply it in a true-fielded application at an affordable cost. The Hyper-IFP system will also be environmentally hardened to allow field deployment and allow integration w/other FP sensors in the last quarter of 2009. Hyper-IFP is focused on the missions of Perimeter Security, Suicide Bomb Detection and Urban Route Recon. Utility will be demonstrated through an evaluation in both the Southwest border and contingency mission in Southwest Asia. This effort will require leveraging the current Force Protection sensor suite designs for the missions cites to maintain interoperability. In the end, this request focuses on both achieving data verification, and the delivery of sufficient hardware to validate the Technical Data package for re-procurement as well as demonstrate the system's ability to deploy to DoD/DHS users for the missions described. The Night Vision Electronic Sensors Directorate, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, is very supportive of this project.

Project: Backpack Medical Oxygen System (BMOS)

Account: Department of Defense, Air Force, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Essex Cryogenics of Missouri Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 8007 Chivvis Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123-2395

Description of Request: To provide \$2,900,000 for improving Air Force oxygen generation technology for emergency field medical rescues. With modification, the Backpack Medical Oxygen System (BMOS) is the system that satisfies the USAF Requirement for a small deployable oxygen generator system. This spiral development program for the BMOS system will significantly decrease the time and funds required to field critical capabilities needed today by our warfighters. The U.S. Air Force requirement for oxygen is a minimum of 93% pure oxygen at 6 liters per minute for critically injured personnel and the BMOS satisfies that requirement.

Project: High Power Electrolytic Super-Capacitors Based on Conducting Polymers

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E, Weapons and Munitions Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Crosslink, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 950 Bolger Court, St. Louis, MO 63026

Description of Request: To provide \$9,000,000 for the development of State of the art electrolytic supercapacitors for the purpose of supplying Non-Line-of-Sight (NLOS) weapons, which are dubbed the "Objective Force Weapons," with quick discharging/recharging

energy storage systems that are capable of high power pulses, on the order of megawatts, to be delivered in the hundreds of microseconds to one millisecond time range to make these weapons successful. Approximately 21% of the funds will be used for salaries for four (4) employees, 43% for equipment and materials, and 36% for indirect costs associated with completing the project. This project has received past funding of \$2.6 million in FY'07, \$2.4 million in FY'08, and \$800,000 in FY'09. Crosslink, University of Missouri-St. Louis, University of Missouri-Rolla and University of Florida have collaborated to develop new polyaniline and PXDOT (poly(3,4-Alkylenedioxythiophene—Conjugated electro-active polymers). The results of this collaboration will be the development of devices capable of power delivery rates significantly faster than standard supercapacitors.

Project: Aircrew Body Armor and Load Carriage Vest System

Account: Other Procurement—U.S. Air Force

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eagle Industries

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Biltmore Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

Description of Request: To provide \$9,000,000 to issue the Aircrew Body Armor Load Carriage Vest System, an integrated body armor vest system, to aircrew personnel. The system provides fire retardancy and ballistics protection from a wide array of threats including small arms fire, fragmenting shrapnel and spall, while decreasing the heat stress and weight burdens faced by airmen. Currently issued aircrew flight equipment survival vests are not body armor-compatible due to weight, heat, and survivability concerns. Current issue is not fire retardant and fails to meet the present needs of the U.S. Air Force. Of the \$9 million, approximately 25% is for materials; 25% is for labor; and 50% is for armor and armor integration.

This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the U.S. Air Force—Other Procurement account. If funded in full, this is a one-time funding request with the goal of the Air Force using internally budgeted funding to continue fielding the system to aircrew personnel.

Project: Mission Equipment Technology Implementation (METI)

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: QinetiQ North America (Formerly Westar Aerospace and Defense Group)

Address of Requesting Entity: 36 Research Park Ct., St. Charles, MO 63304, USA

Description of Request: To provide \$5,300,000 for funding to complete the METI plan initiated by the Aeromechanics division 3 years ago. This funding will complete the development of a robust enterprise level data repository that supports the Aviation Engineering Directorate's (AED) airworthiness release mission to rapidly develop and deploy mission equipment tools. The AED will have the capability to data mine and analyze complex data to determine trend information to reduce high cycle times between flight tests and airworthiness releases.

Project: Bonded Cellular Aluminum Tail Rotor Blades

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kemco Aerospace Manufacturing

Address of Requesting Entity: 3616 Scarlet Oak Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63122

Description of Request: To provide \$3,600,000 for bonded cellular aluminum helicopter tail rotor blades that are well suited for military helicopter structures which operate in demanding environmental conditions and must be battle damage tolerant. Unlike traditional aluminum honeycomb, the vented/drainable cellular bonded structure redistributes load paths around damaged areas and has eliminated corrosion problems associated with traditional aluminum honeycomb structures; dramatically improving life cycle costs. This technology offers significant advantages compared with current structural technologies that were designed over 30 years ago, including 82% reduced parts count, elimination of skin delamination, significantly enhanced battle damage tolerance and field reparability benefits. The tongue and groove joint structures reduce the amount of touch labor required as well as tooling costs. This has the potential to reduce procurement costs by 20–30%.

Project: Adaptive-Defense HIPPIE (High-speed Internet Protocol Packet Inspection Engine) on a Chip.

Account: Department of Defense, Army, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TechGuard Security, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005

Description of Request: Provide \$6,000,000 to enhance the Army's Cyber Security. This project puts the rapid and power-conserving High-speed Internet Protocol Packet Inspection Engine's (HIPPIE) security capability on a silicon chip. This funding will allow for development of a Nano-power supply and a nano-memory capability. It will enhance the coalition warrior and the US Warfighter's communication security and access control through discreet deployment with secure remote-controlled chip-level destruction in the event a device is compromised. This enhanced capability at the chip-level allows for deployment directly into the hands of the warfighter engaged in traditional and irregular warfare.

Project: JSOW-ER

Account: Department of Defense, Navy, RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: LaBarge Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 9900 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63124

Description of Request: Provide \$6,500,000 for Joint Stand Off Weapon (JSOW) a GPS-guided air-to-ground weapon designed to attack a variety of targets in day, night and adverse weather conditions. The 70+ mile range of JSOW allows launch aircraft to stand off beyond the range of most Surface-to-Air missiles. There is a need for a small number of weapons with greater stand off. Currently the Navy fills this requirement with SLAM-ER, Harpoon and Tomahawk. The Navy completed its relatively small buy of fewer than 500 SLAM-ERs in 2004. A new variant of JSOW (JSOW-ER Block IV) would have a range and lethal capability equal to or greater than SLAM-ER and would satisfy the warfighter's need at less than half the cost of SLAM-ER. An existing engine from the Miniature Air-Launched Decoy program will be used to extend the range of JSOW-ER to more than four times of the current glide version.

RECOGNIZING GABRIEL PEREZ

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, Gabriel Perez, the Director of the Saginaw Michigan Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center, has been appointed as the new Health System Administrator/Medical Center Director of the Veterans Affairs HealthCare System in Phoenix, Arizona. He will start his new position on July 19, 2009.

Mr. Perez graduated from Loyola University in 1968, attended the University of California at Los Angeles Law School and obtained his Master's Degree in Public and Health Care Administration from the University of Southern California. Prior to his work with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Perez spent several years working for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and teaching courses at the university level in medical legal law and personnel.

Prior to becoming the Director of the Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 2000, Mr. Perez was the Chief Operating Officer and Acting Director of the Honolulu VA Medical and Regional Office Center. Since assuming his duties in Saginaw, he led the facility to improve its overall performance and move to a top ten spot among Department of Veterans Affairs facilities nationwide, ranking 3rd in the nation for its hospital grouping. From October 2005 to August 2006 he also served as Acting Director of the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

Patient care and safety has been his primary concern and his practices have earned him the respect of his peers. The delivery efficiencies he developed have been adopted nationwide and have won awards for improving VeteranCare delivery. He is a member of several professional organizations and community groups. His work with veterans, Hispanics, workers and children has been recognized numerous times and he is a regular participant in efforts to promote veterans and Hispanics at the local and national levels.

Madam Speaker, Gabriel Perez has brought insight and innovation to the day-to-day operations of the Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center over the past 9 years. He has worked to enhance the health and well-being of veterans, improve service to veterans, and expand accessibility for all veterans. I congratulate him on his new position and wish him the best as he enters this new phase of his life.

EARMARK DECLARATION**HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I secured as part of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

My request, totaling \$280,000, will come from the Surveys, Investigations & Research

account at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the Groundwater and Stormwater Protection program in McHenry County, Illinois. The funding would be used to accelerate work on studies associated with the implementation of McHenry County's Groundwater Protection Program. McHenry County is continuing to experience rapid population growth and there is a critical need to plan for the future. The county's program is working to address the protection of groundwater resources, stormwater drainage and detention, stream and wetland protection, and sustainable growth all into a single program. Ongoing and future development poses serious challenges because of the reduction of the land's ability to absorb precipitation and the continuing pressure to develop flood prone areas. The McHenry County government has already invested over \$615,000 of local resources in studying local groundwater resources and stormwater investigations. The local USGS entity to receive funding for this request is the Illinois Water Science Center at 1201 West University Avenue, Suite 100, in Urbana, Illinois 61801, who will work in partnership with McHenry County to implement this initiative.

Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative DAVID OBEY, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative JERRY LEWIS, and the Chairman of the Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative NORM DICKS, and the Ranking Minority Member, Representative MIKE SIMPSON, for working with me in a bipartisan manner to include this critical request in this spending bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that are listed in H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, Account: National Park Service, Save America's Treasures, Title: Saylor Cement Kilns Historic Preservation, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Lehigh, Address of Requesting Entity: 17 South 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Description of Request: This funding will be used to stabilize and restore the historic Coplay Company Cement Kilns, known locally as the Saylor Cement Kilns, a unique industrial feature built between 1892 and 1893 that is key to the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor's industrial story. The Saylor Cement Kilns are in a state of serious decay, prompting concerns about public safety and liability, as well as the potential loss of a significant historical landmark in the Lehigh Valley region. Rehabilitating the kilns will have a positive impact on local economic development through increased heritage tourism. Once restored, the site will encourage use for historical education and community events.

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, Account: EPA, STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project, Title: Vera Cruz Wastewater Collection System, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lehigh County Authority, Address of Requesting Entity: 1053 Spruce Street, P.O. Box 3348, Allentown, PA 18106, Description of Request: This funding will be used to build a wastewater collection system for the Vera Cruz area of Upper Milford Township. On-lot sewer disposal systems in the area are failing, causing environmental damage and public health concerns. The project will provide central sewer service to approximately 284 properties in the village of Vera Cruz and the surrounding area. Funds will be used for construction, engineering services and purchase of capacity in downstream transportation and treatment facilities.

EARMARK DECLARATION**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 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 Fiscal Year 2010 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Bill: H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Borough of Hopatcong located at 111 River Styx Road, Hopatcong, New Jersey 07843.

Description of Request: H.R. 2996 includes \$500,000 for the Borough of Hopatcong's Drinking Water Disinfection Improvement project to provide safe drinking water to the residents of the Borough. The funds will be used to install large diameter pipes at public community supply wells to improve the disinfection of the raw water before being distributed.

Bill: H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Land Acquisition (Fish and Wildlife Service)

Legal Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge located at 241 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920.

Description of Request: H.R. 2996 includes \$750,000 for the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, a component of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Great Swamp Refuge is located in Morris County, New Jersey, about 26 miles west of Manhattan's Times Square. The refuge was established by an act of Congress on November 3, 1960. The protection of this gem of wilderness in the heart of dense suburban development is one of the success stories of our National Wilderness Preservation System. The funding would be used to acquire an 18.31 acre parcel of land, known as the Great