

Account: SRG
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University
 Address of Requesting Entity: French Administration Building, Room 324; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$98,000 for perennial wheat research to develop it into a viable part of the small grains cropping systems, especially in areas where soil erosion potential is high. Perennial wheat offers a viable option for sustainable farming systems and improved environmental stewardship. Soil erosion by wind and water is a direct cause of lower air and water quality; perennial wheat provides constant soil coverage by plant material, resistance to pests and diseases, and a source of straw for new fiber products.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

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Description of Request: Provide \$1,037,000 for the Northwest Tri-State potato breeding and cultivation research project. The knowledge generated by this project has led to a decrease in the use of harmful pesticides and an increase in profits for the potato industry. It has also led to an increased knowledge of potato varieties.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Crop and Soil Science Department; Johnson Hall, Room 273; Pullman, WA 99164

Description of Request: Provide \$471,000 to fund the Regional Barley Mapping Project to develop improved barley varieties using the tools of genomics. Barley is the cornerstone of American agriculture; it provides farmers with the opportunity to increase genetic diversity, use less irrigation water, and be more profitable. It can also lead to rural community sustainability and development by increasing the manufacture and sale of value-added barley products generating business activity.

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Description of Request: Provide \$444,000 to fund the STEEP IV water quality project. This research will contribute solutions to modern societal problems faced by U.S. farmers and the public, such as energy and food security, sequestration of greenhouse gasses, and improved trade balance. Conservation information obtained through this work is transferable to other parts of the U.S. and the world. Benefits of this research include reduction in food production costs and greater energy independence for the nation's food supply.

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Description of Request: Provide \$223,000 to fund research for Virus-free Wine Grape Cultivation. To maintain competitiveness and health, this project addresses an immediate high-priority need to meet the certification standards of the vineyard industry.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 2997, the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill:

TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH (T-STAR)

Account: Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Research and Education Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: The University of Florida, 226 Tigert Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611

Description of request: \$6,677,000 is included in the bill for Tropical and SubTropical Agriculture Research (T-STAR) at the Universities of Florida and Hawaii to address the problem of exotic pests and other tropical and subtropical problems in America's Caribbean and Pacific Basins. The major goal of the T-STAR program is to develop strategies and tactics to stem the invasion of exotic diseases, insects, and weeds into the United States. The recent introduction of asian soybean rust into the United States, along with the increasing threat of avian influenza and foot-and-mouth disease entering the country, heightens the possibility of a terrorist-induced attack on the nation's food supply. There is an urgent need to identify exotic pests in other countries with which the United States maintains frequent and extensive trade and travel in order to: (1) determine potential avenues for the introduction of these pests into the United States, (2) develop technologies for the early detection of these pests, (3) find effective and environmentally acceptable methods for the eradication and containment of these pests if they enter the United States. Under the T-STAR program, scientists aggressively protect the nation against the growing environmental and economic threat of invasive exotic pests. The Universities of Florida and Hawaii represent important agricultural states which are prime locations for the introduction of exotic pests from other parts of the world. Previous funding has been provided by the Department of Agriculture for T-STAR in the following amounts: FY 2001—\$3,800,000, FY 2002—\$3,800,000, FY 2003—\$9,000,000, FY 2004—\$9,000,000, FY 2005—\$9,400,000, FY 2006—\$9,500,000, FY 2008—\$7,400,000, FY 2009—\$6,677,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. 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. 2487 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 the appropriations.

I, Rep. MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$2,000,000 under The Department of Commerce, NOAA—Operations, Research, and Facilities Account for The University of Oklahoma—National Radar Testbed—Phased Array Radar. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Oklahoma, 100 E. Boyd Street, Norman, OK 73109. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to support research and development for forecasting advanced warning detection of tornadoes and other forms of severe weather at the National Severe Storms Labs (NSSL) in Norman, OK.

I, Rep. MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$350,000 under The Department of Justice, Cops Law Enforcement Account for the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety—Statewide Public Safety Communication System. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, 3600 Martin Luther King, Oklahoma City, OK 73136. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to enhance the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Law Enforcement Technology Division's mobile data program.

I, Rep. MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$150,000 under The Department of Commerce, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account for University of Central Oklahoma Forensic Laboratory Program Enhanced DNA Analysis Training for Law Enforcement. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Central Oklahoma, 100 N. University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034. It is my understanding that the funding would be used to utilize new laboratory infrastructure and equipment to significantly expand the services available to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Forensic Institution's training programs and to state and local law enforcement officers.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Agriculture Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources Conservation Service—Watershed/Flood Prevention Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State University of New York College at Brockport

Address of Requesting Entity: 350 New Campus Drive, Brockport, NY 14420

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the Genesee River Watershed project. No systematic studies have attempted to identify the causes of the water quality issues that also affect the near-shore of Lake Ontario. Identification will provide a basis for management practices in order to improve water quality.

Of the total amount, \$283,000 (or 56.6%) is for salaries for project administrator and field agents; \$113,200 (22.64%) is for fringe benefits; \$86,500 (17.3%) is for supplies, travel, and equipment; and \$17,300 (3.46%) is for indirect costs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010. For the project titled "Assistance to Improve Water Quality for Tarrant County, Texas," which received \$336,000 in H.R. 2997, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 113 Jack K. Williams Building 2142 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2142. This funding supports specialized studies to improve water quality in North Central Texas. The project aims to create a watershed protection plan and improve the water quality in the five reservoirs that supply water for the majority of Fort Worth and fifty-nine surrounding communities. By implementing a watershed protection plan, water quality can be improved in North Central Texas, thereby protecting supply and quality for over 1.6 million residents in the area. Tarrant Regional Water District, Texas Water Resources Institute, and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service support this project through in-kind support including employee salaries and data and sample analysis.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, today I come to the floor to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy Security Act.

As you know, I represent a state that has been a leader in the nation when it comes to renewable energy standards and energy efficiency activity. New York was the first state in the country to adopt a state renewable energy standard and is currently ranked as one of the

most energy efficient states per capita in the nation.

I am proud to say H.R. 2454 will allow New York to continue these successful programs and push us even further in a positive direction. Working with, and on behalf of, the New York delegation, I was able to work with Chairman WAXMAN and Chairman MARKEY to include language which allows states like New York to have the flexibility to be in control of their own compliance. This flexibility is vital if New York is to continue its great progress in renewable energy and energy efficiency activities. This bill allows New York State to build upon a strong record of demand reduction. Otherwise, a commitment of several years would be required to set up a new system in our state with its proven results.

In addition to the flexibility language, the bill includes provisions allowing market transformation initiatives to count towards the energy efficiency standard. It also addresses the issue of transportation emissions and transportation planning and makes it consistent with current state policy. Finally, the bill includes an improvement that I recommended concerning efficiency of natural gas turbines. H.R. 2454 creates a \$65 million competitive grant program specifically for research and development of more efficient natural gas turbines used for power production. The goal of the program would be to raise the efficiency of these turbines to 65 percent. Currently, the most efficient turbines operate at 60 percent. A one percentage point improvement in efficiency alone, applied to existing turbines, would reduce CO₂ emissions by 4.4 million tons per year and provide fuel savings of more than \$1 billion per year.

The innovation and the technology advancement that this bill aims to promote will see benefits for future generations. As we did during the Space Race so many years ago, we must turn towards innovation and leadership on the energy front to lead the world again. This is a global race for clean, green energy that we cannot afford to lose.

Madam. Speaker, with the collective energy of the President and the Congress, this bill will create new and enduring policies which will promote cleaner, more efficient, and more independent sources of energy that will positively influence all of America's energy demands as well as jobs and career paths of the future. I urge my colleagues to join me and vote in favor of HR. 2454. I yield back the balance of my time.

IMMIGRATION RIGHTS—ATTORNEY ACCESS RESTORED

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the record an article published in the New York Carib News newspaper on June 23, 2009, titled "Eric Holder Restores Key Immigration Right, Access to Attorney", written by Tony Best. The article applauds Attorney General Eric Holder's swift action in reversing the past Administration's move to deprive individuals facing deportation with the right to an attorney.

As this Administration moves towards immigration reform, it is important that we articulate

that we are a nation that was founded on immutable rights, and these rights should not be limited to those who have the great benefit of US citizenship. Everyone who stands before a judge in our country is afforded the right to an attorney and why should an immigrant be excluded from such due process?

It is understood that immigrants are not granted all the same protections that citizenship guarantees, but the integrity of the immigration proceedings are compromised when an individual does not have the ability to assert themselves through the benefit of counsel. Cultural and language barriers already place many immigrants at a disadvantage when standing before a judge and it is important that we offer these individuals the benefit of legal counsel to represent and assert their rights.

I am pleased to hear that the Attorney General will be drafting a new order on this policy to recognize the need to give immigrants the capacity to be fairly judged.

HONORING DR. JAMES D. LOMBARDO

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James D. Lombardo, Superintendent of Schools of the Bensalem Township School District.

Dr. Lombardo will be stepping down from his position this summer after two and a half years of dynamic leadership in the district. Prior to this position he was superintendent for the Upper St. Clair School District in Pennsylvania as well as school districts in the state of Vermont. Dr. Lombardo's experience in the public education system also includes positions as a curriculum and staff development director, principal, associate principal, and English teacher.

As an educator, Dr. Lombardo's philosophy centers on the concept of providing learning for the "whole" child, challenging and supporting each student to discover a passion for learning while designing and achieving a personal vision of success. He has guided members of his school district in setting goals and beliefs to achieve this vision of education.

During his time as superintendent, Dr. Lombardo has encouraged staff and parents alike to ensure that no child is "invisible" and that each student is safe, healthy, and engaged. Specifically students in grades 3, 7, and 8 now have an opportunity to learn a second language, students with special needs are spending more of their time in the regular classroom setting, more than 100 kindergarten students now benefit from a full time program, and smaller class sizes in grades K-2 promise improved learning for hundreds of Bensalem children.

Dr. Lombardo has contributed enormously to the education and well-being of children in his community. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. Lombardo for his outstanding efforts, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.