

In 1982, in response to difficulties retaining addiction counselors due to the lack of a career ladder, Mr. Stimmler asked the HHC Office of Behavioral Health to add senior addiction counselor to the corporate plan of titles. After working on the project for more than ten years with Brenda Ballenger and the addiction counselors of Cumberland, Woodhull and Kings County Hospitals, a new assignment level for the addiction counselor position was created. On January 29, 1993, Rosa Maria Gil, DSW, HHC Senior Vice President for Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Services, announced the creation of the titles of senior addiction counselor I and II.

In 1998 Mr. Stimmler was assigned responsibility for administering the Woodhull Chemical Dependency Program as well as Cumberland's.

Mr. Stimmler is married to Kathleen, whom he met 36 years ago at the Fordham School of Social Work; she is in charge of psychiatric social work at the Nassau University Medical Center. They have two children, Colin, who works for the City of New York's Department of Homeless Services as an Emergency Planner, and Chad, a data analyst, is employed by the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

#### SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL ACT OF 2009

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I am proud to announce the introduction of the Safe Drug Disposal Act of 2009. This important bill allows states the opportunity to continue their outstanding work to clean up our streets and waterways from unused pharmaceuticals, including both controlled and uncontrolled substances. It is my hope that Congress will give as much attention to this bill as it deserves.

In 1970, the Controlled Substances Act was enacted into law under title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. This valuable act was designed to protect the American public from recreational use of controlled substances by creating a closed loop system, which restricts the movement of controlled substances to individuals designated to handle such substances. Unfortunately, as we learn more about the high risks of controlled substances on our streets and in our water ways, the Controlled Substances Act has inadvertently established a barrier between safe and unsafe disposal methods of unused or unwanted controlled substances. Without amending this law, controlled substance abuse on our streets and prescription drug pollution of our water ways will continue to rise.

In 2007, a study conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services found that, while cocaine and methamphetamine use among young adults dropped significantly, prescription drug abuse increased. Among young adults ages 18 to 25, the level of current nonmedical use of prescription pain relievers has risen 12 percent. Further, results of a separate study of seventh through twelfth grade students released on April 21, 2005 by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America indicated that teenagers are

more likely to have abused a prescription pain medication to get high than they are to have experimented with a variety of illicit drugs including ecstasy, cocaine, crack, and LSD. During this study, one in five teenagers reported using the controlled substance Vicodin without a prescription; approximately ten percent reported using the controlled substance OxyContin without a prescription; and ten percent reported having used prescription stimulants, Ritalin and/or Adderall, without a prescription.

One reason why pharmaceutical drug diversion has increased over the last few years is the availability of unused prescription drugs. Among teenagers surveyed in the April 21, 2005 study administered by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, fifty percent indicated that prescription drugs are widely available, one-third indicated that prescription drugs were easy to purchase over the Internet, and sixty-three percent said they could easily obtain prescription opiates and painkillers from their own home. Family medicine cabinets all across America have turned into the drug dealers of today.

It is not irresponsibility that has driven the abundance of pharmaceuticals in households across America. Americans have their hands tied when they look to dispose of unused pharmaceuticals. The choice to either throw them in the trash or flush them down the toilet is environmentally unacceptable. Recent reports indicate traces of common medicines such as acetaminophen, hormones, blood pressure medications, codeine and antibiotics in very low concentrations in 80 percent of samples taken from 139 streams across 30 states. Researchers are continuously finding diluted concentrations of pharmaceutical residues harm fish, frogs and other aquatic species in the wild and impair the workings of human cells in laboratories.

Many Americans understand the need for appropriate disposal methods in their communities. Just last year, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, WA collected over 1,100 lbs of uncontrolled substances per month during their Safe Medicine Return Pilot program. It is programs like these that will provide a safe means of disposal to take prescription drugs off the streets and out of our water.

I am pleased to introduce the Safe Drug Disposal Act of 2009. It is my hope that Congress will consider this important piece legislation to keep our communities and waterways free from waste pharmaceuticals.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2009*

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, The Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division B: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities, Title: Delaware River Enhanced Flood Warning System,

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Delaware River Basin, Commission Address of Requesting Entity: 25 State Police Drive, PO Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628, Description of Request: To assist the Delaware River Basin Commission, in conjunction with NOAA/NWS, USGS and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with the enhancement of the basin's flood warning system. This enhancement will include the evaluation and improvement of existing precipitation and stream gage networks, development of additional NOAA flood forecast points in both non-tidal and tidal stream reaches, and merger of GIS and Doppler radar technology to improve flash flood warning capabilities for smaller watersheds.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division B: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: NOAA—Operations, Research and Facilities, Title: Flood Awareness and Emergency Preparedness Education Campaign Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nurture Nature Foundation, Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Northampton Street, Easton, PA 18042, Description of Request: The project will support a flood awareness and emergency preparedness education campaign for citizens of flood-prone areas. The campaign will be initiated in the recently flooded regions along the Delaware River, in the four basin states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York, but the materials will be applicable nationwide.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division B: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology, Title: Lehigh Valley Regional Crime Center Technology Infrastructure, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Allentown Police Department, Address of Requesting Entity: 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Description of Request: The Lehigh Valley Regional Crime Center Technology Infrastructure project will enhance the effectiveness of a bi-county Regional Crime Center by making necessary improvements to the facility's technology infrastructure. This will enable the development of a comprehensive database that integrates information from 53 local law enforcement agencies, and provides agents with new, critical analysis capabilities. Providing local law enforcement agencies the ability to share and search information will dramatically improve efforts to fight crime throughout the region.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division B: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants, Title: Anti-Gang Youth Initiative, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Allentown and ALERT Partnership, Address of Requesting Entity: 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101 and 17th and Chew Streets, P.O. Box 7017, Allentown, PA 18105, Description of Request: The project will enhance and sustain model programs developed through the Allentown Anti-Gang Task Force. This task force was created through the Route 222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative, which was funded in 2007 by a Department of Justice grant. The project will allow the task force to slow the recruitment of youth into the gang lifestyle and develop multi-faceted strategies for early intervention to remove young people and teens from gangs. Additionally, the project

will strengthen partnerships between local grassroots and faith-based groups working to combat crime and violence.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division B: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants, Title: Gang and Youth Violence Security Initiative, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: School District of the City of Allentown, Address of Requesting Entity: 31 South Penn Street, PO Box 328, Allentown, PA 18105, Description of Request: For the past three years the Allentown School District has seen an increase in the amount of critical incidents involving violent behavior. Recently, national gangs have penetrated the region and brought with them a more organized and better supported system to augment local gang activity. This has increased the number of adjudicated youth in the area, and has increased the severity and number of disciplinary issues in Allentown's schools. This initiative will enhance security training and equipment to provide for a safer Allentown School District. The additional security measures will help the district get a better handle on the activities occurring in and around its schools.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division C: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Corps of Engineers, Investigations—FPMS, Title: FPMS: Southeastern, PA, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District (NAP), Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Description of Request: This funding will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to provide local communities planning tools that could help reduce damages from future flooding in southeastern Pennsylvania. Devastating flooding in 2004, 2005 and 2006 caused tremendous damages in the region. Providing flood mapping, flood warning, and other non-structural measures could help to reduce future damages and even help save lives.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division C: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Corps of Engineers, Investigations, Title: Delaware River Comprehensive, NY, NJ, PA & DE, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District (NAP), Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Description of Request: This funding will provide for an interim feasibility study by the Army Corps of Engineers with the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) that will be used to develop a flood analysis model and watershed flood management plan, and evaluate and enhance the Delaware River Basin's existing flood warning system.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division C: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Corps of Engineers, Expenses, Title: Mid-Atlantic River Commissions, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), Address of Requesting Entity: 25 State Police Drive, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 06828, Description of Request: This funding will fulfill the federal obligation established in the Delaware River Basin Compact (P.L. 87-328, Article 13, Section 13.3c) to

support the Delaware River Basin Commission. Activities to be funded include water quality protection, water supply allocation, flood loss reduction, drought management, watershed planning, permitting, and water conservation.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division C: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Title: Advanced Power Batteries for Renewable Energy Applications, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: East Penn Manufacturing, Address of Requesting Entity: Deka Road, Lyon Station, PA 19536, Description of Request: Funding will provide for the design, testing, and fabrication of new advanced lead acid battery energy storage technology that could be used to balance the fluctuating generation of electricity in current wind and solar power systems. This technology would produce larger, safer, cleaner, and more affordable energy storage options than are currently available. This project, conducted with Sandia National Laboratories and the Bonneville Power Administration, will lead to a new advanced lead acid battery that will serve as a longer lasting, cleaner, more affordable, American-made solution to the load leveling challenge plaguing several renewable energy systems.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division C: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Title: Clean Technology Commercialization Initiative, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ben Franklin Technology Partners Corporation, Address of Requesting Entity: 125 Goodman Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015, Description of Request: This funding will support clean/alternative energy technology development and commercialization activities to encourage the development and growth of energy-related technologies and companies in Pennsylvania. The initiative will enable the Commonwealth to strategically invest in one of its most competitive sectors, leverage additional public and private investment, create high-wage jobs and help enable sound environmental practices.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division C: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Title: Fuel Cell Optimization and Scale-Up, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dynalene, Inc, Address of Requesting Entity: 5250 West Coplay Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, Description of Request: Funding will provide for the development and optimization of methods to scale-up production of a new patented fuel cell coolant which is already available in sample quantities (1 to 3 gallons). This technology uses a base liquid mixture and an additive package. The base mixture is designed to have a freezing point below  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , thermo-physical properties similar to the current automotive antifreeze, and possesses no flash point. The additive package in the coolant has been designed to maintain very low electrical conductivity, a critical requirement for cooling fuel cells. No other coolant available today can do this job by itself.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division C: Energy and Water Development and Related Agen-

cies Appropriations Act, Account: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Title: Lehigh Valley Hospital Photovoltaic Panel Installation, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lehigh Valley Hospital, Address of Requesting Entity: Cedar Crest and I-78, P.O. Box 689, Allentown, PA 18105, Description of Request: This funding will enable the installation of 300 kW of photovoltaic (solar) panels on the roofs of multiple buildings at the Lehigh Valley Hospital campus in the City of Allentown, PA and the Lehigh Valley Hospital Muhlenberg campus in the City of Bethlehem, PA. These photovoltaic panels will produce a percentage of the total electricity required for the operation of the hospital buildings.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division C: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Fossil Energy R&D, Title: ITM Reaction-Driven Ceramic Membrane Systems, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Address of Requesting Entity: 7201 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18195, Description of Request: This funding will support the development of ITM Oxygen technology for industrial-scale oxygen production and ITM Syngas technology for production of synthesis gas (hydrogen and carbon monoxide) from natural gas. The development of ITM Reaction-Driven ceramic membrane systems will synergistically utilize the technology developed in both the ITM Oxygen and ITM Syngas projects. ITM Reaction-Driven membranes can be integrated into a state-of-the-art gasification system to produce synthesis gas to generate advanced electric power, hydrogen, or other clean fuels. This versatile technology can be applied in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner to a broad list of energy sources, including coal, natural gas, liquid hydrocarbons, biomaterials, and waste materials.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division D: Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, Account: SBA, Title: Northampton Community College Electrotechnology Applications Center, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northampton Community College, Address of Requesting Entity: 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020, Description of Request: The Northampton Community College Electrotechnology Applications Center (ETAC) provides confidential assistance to businesses and manufacturers to help them increase productivity, improve energy efficiency, and achieve and maintain environmental compliance. Specifically, ETAC helps small businesses gain a competitive advantage by applying alternative technologies to improve heating, drying, coating and curing processes. This project addresses a statewide initiative to provide support for proactively reducing emissions from the manufacturing sector. Funding will be used to continue the Center's small business program which helps manufacturers reduce green house gas (GHG), volatile organic compound (VOC), and hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions. The ETAC identifies opportunities to quantify and reduce GHG, VOC and HAP emissions by pro-actively marketing grant services, presenting workshops and seminars to raise awareness, and conducting the necessary training programs to implement solutions. Additionally, ETAC staff perform site visits to evaluate businesses'

processes, equipment and facilities, and provide an unbiased assessment of emissions reduction opportunities.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division E: Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Save America's Treasures, Title: State Theatre Historic Façade, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc., Address of Requesting Entity: 453 Northampton Street, Easton, PA 18042, Description of Request: The project will facilitate significant façade repair and preservation, specifically windows and a restored marquee for the State Theatre in Easton, PA. These improvements will help enhance and preserve the Theatre which has been a key component of efforts to revitalize Easton's Historic District.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division E: Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project, Title: Salford Township, Tylersport Sewer Improvements, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Salford Township, Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 54, Ridge Road, Tylersport, PA 18971, Description of Request: The project will support the implementation of a public sewer system in the Tylersport area. The total project cost is estimated at \$2,200,000. Tylersport Village, located in Salford Township, currently has a significantly high percentage rate of failing on-lot septic systems. This funding will allow for approximately 108 village homes to be connected to a public sewer system that is being built to accommodate a new development of 190 homes in close proximity to the village.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division E: Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project, Title: Lower Milford Township in Lehigh County for wastewater treatment plant construction project, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lower Milford Township, Address of Requesting Entity: 7607 Chestnut Hill Church Road, Coopersburg, PA 18036, Description of Request: The project will assist with the construction and installation of a municipal sewage treatment plant in Lower Milford Township. The plant will provide critically needed infrastructure to reach compliance with the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act and the Clean Streams Law. Due to the need for public sewage within the village, no additional businesses have located in Limeport and no expansion of the existing businesses can occur. With the construction of a municipal sewer plant, the village of Limeport can experience economic growth by attracting new and expanded businesses, tourism and the addition of jobs within the community.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division F: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Higher Education, Title: Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA for nursing curriculum development, including purchase of equipment, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cedar Crest College, Address of Requesting Entity: 100 College Drive, Allentown, PA 18104, Description of Request: Funding will be used to develop and imple-

ment a community-based, direct-care fall prevention program to reduce the risk of falling among the elderly population and prolong the time in which program participants are able to reside in independent living, senior-housing facilities in the Lehigh Valley region of Pennsylvania. Funding will be used to redesign a bachelor's-level nursing gerontology course, including simulation technology; to fully integrate a gerontological thread across the new Master of Science in Nursing program; to pay for salaries and faculty release-time needed to establish the program; and to provide portable equipment needed to assess and educate senior-citizen participants in their homes.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division F: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Higher Education, Title: Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Schnecksville, PA for purchase of equipment, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, Address of Requesting Entity: 4500 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078, Description of Request: This initiative will address the critical workforce shortage of diesel technicians and tractor trailer drivers by enhancing the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute's technological and instructional capabilities. Digital instructional technology investments will enhance distance learning opportunities, interactive simulator training, and vehicle repair and driver training. This initiative will allow LCTI to develop their technological capabilities to include high speed network connections to facilitate distance learning, thin client servers and computer stations, category six network cable, digital web cameras, wireless connectivity, monitors, interactive whiteboards and software. Additionally, the funding will allow secondary and postsecondary instructors at LCTI to learn the most recent repair procedures and logistics operations.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division F: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services, Title: HCSC Blood Center, Bethlehem, PA for facilities and equipment, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: HCSC (Miller-Keystone) Blood Center, Address of Requesting Entity: 1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem, PA 18017, Description of Request: Funding will support renovations of the Miller-Keystone Blood Center's main laboratory and collection facility. The Miller-Keystone Blood Center is the only supplier of blood products to the hospitals in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, Southern Luzerne, Upper Bucks and Upper Montgomery (PA), and Warren (NJ) counties. Donated blood is tested for safety and efficacy and processed into blood products for patient care at the laboratory prior to being transported to 17 local hospitals and other health care providers.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division F: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services, Title: Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, PA for purchase of equip-

ment, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sacred Heart Hospital of Allentown, Address of Requesting Entity: 421 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18102, Description of Request: This project will support the purchase of operating room equipment essential for treatment and service for Hospital patients. Specifically, funding will be used to purchase an eye microscope for cataract surgeries, a micro drill for orthopedic cases, an ECT monitor for treatment of clinical depression, two electric operating room beds, and a Glidescope for anesthesia for intubations on children and older adults. Sacred Heart Hospital is a 226-bed, acute care teaching hospital in the City of Allentown.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division F: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services, Title: St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network, Allentown, PA for purchase of equipment, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network, Address of Requesting Entity: 1736 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18104, Description of Request: Funding will be used to purchase equipment for a new technologically advanced Operating Suite that is part of a \$75 million hospital expansion project in the City of Allentown. The Operating Suite is part of an expansion project to increase hospital services that will allow St. Luke's to meet growing patient needs and improve support service areas.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division F: Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Account: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—Substance Abuse Treatment, Title: Treatment Trends, Inc., Allentown, PA for a substance abuse treatment initiative, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Treatment Trends, Inc., Address of Requesting Entity: 18-22 South Sixth Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Description of Request: The project will enable the implementation of a community-based drug and alcohol addiction and PTSD treatment center dedicated to serving Veterans and their families. Unfortunately, Veterans returning from combat are at great risk to abuse drugs and alcohol as a means to cope with their experiences. Additionally, many Veterans suffer from the effects of PTSD, which are compounded by substance abuse. The program is designed to provide long-term addiction treatment, specialize in the treatment of PTSD, and assist Veterans and their families by intervening in periods of acute distress.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Buses and Bus Facilities, Title: Bus Purchase, LANTA, PA, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority, Address of Requesting Entity: 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103, Description of Request: The project will support the purchase of five heavy-duty transit buses, which will improve and expand public transportation services throughout the Lehigh Valley region. The Authority's existing fleet of 78 buses must be

expanded to continue LANTA's successful development efforts, which has recently seen a 65 percent increase in transit usage.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Surface Transportation Priorities, Title: Realignment and Intersection Improvements on PA Route 248, Bath, PA, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Address of Requesting Entity: 1002 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Description of Request: This project will provide realignment and intersection improvements on PA Route 248 in the Borough of Bath, PA. This project will better align existing streets in the Borough with PA Route 248 and PA Route 512, which have become major thoroughfares for the area's growing population. These improvements will help alleviate congestion and enhance safety on increasingly critical roads.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation, Title: Old Allentown Streetscape Improvements, PA, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Allentown, Address of Requesting Entity: 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Description of Request: The project will provide streetscape improvements for an urban historic district within the City of Allentown that is experiencing infrastructure deterioration. Improvements will include curbing and sidewalk replacement and the installation of decorative street lighting, trees, new ADA compliant handicap ramps, and street pace for improved safety at busy crosswalks.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Economic Development Initiative, Title: Renovation of a warehouse into a modern facility that will provide services in health, education, social services and community development, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Casa Guadalupe Center, Address of Requesting Entity: 143 Linden Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Description of Request: The project will revitalize a neighborhood warehouse into a modern facility that will provide services in health, education, social services and community development. The renovated warehouse will become a community building that will combine recreation, community activities, employment training for young adults and a health clinic for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Economic Development Initiative, Title: Establishment of a facility designed to offer specialized therapy and counseling services to children and their families, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Home of Easton, Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 South 25th Street, Easton, PA 18042, Description of Request: The project will allow for the construction of a 1,600 square foot facility designed to offer specialized therapy and counseling services to youth ages 9 to 21 and their families. This will facilitate the Children's Home of Easton's effort to consolidate various locations into one centralized site while expanding services. The Center will in-

clude 2 therapy rooms for clinical staff, a family lounge, an activity area and a landscaped courtyard.

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009—Division I: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, Account: Economic Development Initiative, Title: Renovation of the Bethlehem YMCA's dormitory, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: YMCA of Bethlehem, Address of Requesting Entity: 430 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, Description of Request: The project will renovate the Bethlehem YMCA's 60-year-old dormitory creating Bethlehem YMCA Affordable Housing, LLP. This facility will provide safe and affordable housing for low-income, homeless and the working poor men and women. Additionally, the Bethlehem YMCA project will create a blend of single room occupancy units and efficiency apartments, employ an onsite case manager and provide both on and off site services geared towards enriching the lives of its residents by not only providing a place to stay but means to achieve greater independence.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. DREIER. 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. 1105, the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

#### DIVISION B

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Claremont, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 207 Harvard Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1.8 million to acquire necessary equipment for the Claremont police station and emergency operations center (EOC). The activities and use of Federal funds for this are consistent with the language authorized by PL 107-273, 116 Stat. 1758. This is the last year funding will be needed to complete this aspect of the program. The City of Claremont will provide \$500,000 (22%) for the local cost share.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 47 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 to help create "Gang-Coplink," an artificial intelligence based software application, to enable Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to more effectively share, integrate, search, and analyze informa-

tion relating to gangs. Coplink is already utilized county-wide by all law enforcement agencies and provides accurate and timely crime information and crime analysis. Gang-Coplink will import the Los Angeles area Cal-Gang database for a new countywide gang intelligence analytical information system and will interact with the Regional Terrorism Information and Integration System (RTIIS) Coplink. The RTIIS also contains the record management system (RMS) data from the other police departments in the County as well as Federal law enforcement agencies, such as the FBI, ATF, DEA, U.S. Marshals Service, and Bureau of Prisons. \$200,000 or 2/3 of the funding will be applied to storage hardware and \$100,000 or 1/3 will be utilized for server hardware. This is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the OJP Byrne Discretionary grants.

#### DIVISION C

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA 91710

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$5,000,000 for the Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Project with 50% for purple pipe and 50% for storage tanks to produce 100,000 acre feet of new recycled water annually. The project is authorized in P.L. 108-361, Title 1, Section 103 (d)(3) and additional specific authorization is provided in P.L. 110-161, Sec. 210. The total project cost is \$226 million. As is consistent with law, the federal share is capped at \$20 million, which is less than 10% of the total cost of the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DAVID DREIER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 1720 West Cameron Ave., Suite #100, West Covina, California, 91790

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,500,000 for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund to continue the design, construction, and operation of water projects to contain and treat the spreading groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel and Central Water Basins. The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority was established by California State law under SB1679 in 1993 to develop, finance and implement groundwater treatment programs in the San Gabriel Basin and act as a clearing house for federal funds that have been appropriated for these programs. The project is authorized in P.L. 106-554 and this request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Bureau of Reclamations Water and Related Resources account. The current authorization ceiling for the Restoration Fund has yet to be reached, with roughly \$7,000,000 yet to be appropriated. The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority will provide a minimum of a 35% cost share which will come directly from the Water Quality Authority.