Account: DOJ/COPS Tech

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Somerset

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 North Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: $100,000 for Confluence Cellular Communication Tower Project

It is my understanding that funding will be used to construct a cellular communications tower to provide mobile phone and radio communications along the Greater Allegheny Passage Trail.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the tower would make emergency communications available to law enforcement personnel, rangers, and trail users for critical incidents and emergencies.

TRIBUTE TO ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, FOUR TIME CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a school in my congressional district, St. Margaret's Episcopal School, that not only excels in academics but is also distinguished on the football field. The St. Margaret's football team won the 2009 California Interscholastic Federation, CIF, Small Schools State Championship for the fourth consecutive year. In the championship game, St. Margaret's defeated Ontario Christian 12 to 6.

The football team is an outstanding example of hard work, determination and perseverance. After 4 straight years of being on top, they have certainly earned the title ''Champions.'' The members of the winning football team include:

Matt Duenes, Houston Agan, James Murayama, Mike Schmall, Andrew Torok, Fernando Almejo, Brennan Smith, Joey Sego, Jon Gencarella, Chris Adams, Chris Bauer, Chase McClure, Scott McGowan, Davis Edwards, Mark Olivier, John Carpenter, Adam Miyawaki, Nolan Lynch, Byran Flores, Leo Garcia, Chase Steuber, Jake Dappen, Jeff Askin, Brett Nicholas, Freddy Valencia, Will Findiesen, Matt Kloss, Connor McClure, Max Carpenter, and AJ Rovsek.

The team is led by Head Coach Harry Welch; Assistants Rod Baltau, Sean Coen, Hiram Johnson, Jay Noonan, Brent Ward, and Butch Ward.

It is an honor to represent such a fine group of young people with a strong dedication to teamwork and academics. I know each one of them will treasure the memories of their fourth championship season, and I commend them, and the entire St. Margaret's community, for this truly great achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE JOHN HOBBS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of my good friend John Hobbs, a remarkable man who distinguished himself in his personal and professional endeavors. A respected, highly successful pioneer in the investment management industry, John Hobbs was also a selfless civic activist and philanthropist who was dedicated to education and to the pursuit of justice and civil rights. He bequeathes a legacy of professional excellence and compassion for others.

John Hobbs demonstrated a lifelong dedication to education and youth development. He attended Wesleyan University and earned an A.B. and M.B.A. degrees from Harvard University. He served on the Harvard Graduate School of Education's and the Harvard Business School's Dean's Advisory Boards and co-chaired—along with his late wife of 46 years, Elisabeth Atwater Hobbs—the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Capital Campaign. As the Campaign Steering Committee's Co-Chairs in the 1990s, John and Liz helped raise $111 million, the largest sum ever raised by a school of education. They endowed the John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Chair of Cognition and Education held by Prof. Howard Gardner. They also helped many students cover education costs through the Hobbs Fellowship. John had been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Common Cents in NYC, on the Governing Board of the Graduate Faculty of the New School University and on the Board of the Foundation for Child Development. He was also a dedicated patriot who served in the United States Air Force Reserve.

As an investment manager, John Hobbs was a co-founder, Chairman, and CEO of Jennison Associates, one of Wall Street's first independent institutional investment management firms. At the time, institutional investment portfolios were managed primarily by large bank investment departments, insurance companies, and investment counselors. John and his colleagues built Jennison with the belief that in-house fundamental research and specialized investment teams would generate superior long-term investment returns. Now a subsidiary of Prudential Financial, Jennison manages more than $90 billion in assets for major institutions, mutual funds, and private individuals. Many of its existing client relationships were established while he was Chief Executive Officer.

He was instrumental in Jennison's expansion beyond equities into the institutional fixed income market. He was named Jennison's president and chief executive officer in 1976 and became chairman in 1994. In 1996, he took on added responsibilities as president of institutional asset management for the global money management group of Prudential. In 2000, he took the helm of Prudential's entire equity asset management business, including the active quantitative management firm Quantitative Management Associates. He served as Jennison's vice chairman from late 2002 until he retired in 2003. After the death of his wife, he returned to work and was most recently the vice chairman of Madison Asset Management Group, LLC, a global infrastructure investment specialist.

In addition to his beloved wife who predeceased him, John Hobbs was the devoted father of Margaret M., George C. and Kate H. Hobbs; beloved brother of Eleanor Richardson of Niantic, Conn., and Margaret Sudbury of Winchester, MA. He is also survived by loving nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of a lifetime of service to others, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the late John Hobbs, a great American who made immeasurable improvements to our civic life. John Hobbs' selfless and enduring dedication to others inspires us all.

CONGRATULATING ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the staff, students, and faculty at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for winning the 2009 Star Innovator in the Intel Schools of Distinction competition.

Supporting mathematics and science in education is crucial to our national prosperity. The U.S. workforce is dramatically changing, and the demand for highly skilled jobs is rising. In the recent years the employment in science, technology, engineering and mathematics—or ''STEM''—fields increased by an estimated 25 percent.

Every year, Intel honors U.S. schools that demonstrate 21st century teaching and learning environments that promote excellence in math and science with the Intel Schools of Distinction awards. To be considered, schools must develop an environment and curricula that meet or exceed benchmarks put forth by national mathematics and science content standards.

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy uses competency-driven learning experiences to enable students to acquire strong bases of disciplinary content knowledge and skills. Students at IMSA design and conduct hands-on experiments, make observations, analyze data, draw conclusions, and communicate evidence-based principles. Students also delve into the scientific literature and build understanding by synthesizing information and investigation through writing. These skills and abilities are then extended with electives and through the Student Inquiry and Research, SIR, program. Through SIR, students partner with cutting edge scientists on diagnostics, nanotechnology, medical research, and much more.

I am honored to join Representative FOSTER in congratulating the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in receiving this prestigious honor, the Star Innovator in the Intel Schools of Distinction Award.