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The Honorable David Obey
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H-218, The Capitol
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The Honorable Jerry Lewis
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Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis,

I am requesting funding for the WSU College of Nursing project in the FY10 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$1,800,000.00. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washington State University, located at French Administration Building, Rm. 324, Pullman, WA 98101.

In order to address the identified nursing shortage and the need to help facilitate workforce development, this project would advance teaching at WSU College of Nursing to fund distance learning technologies, simulation technology and novel e-network which will increase their capacity to educate and graduate nurses. The funding will increase their ability to utilize existing resources to attract high-quality faculty who will in turn result in the production of more high-quality nurses.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered. I also attest that this project does not have a direct or foreseeable effect on the financial interests of me or my spouse.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the request: (1) is not directed to any entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the *Congressional Record* describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Best Wishes,



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Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis,

I am requesting funding for the Gonzaga University School of Nursing project in the FY10 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$382,901.00. The entity to receive funding for this project is Gonzaga University, located at 502 East Boone Avenue, Spokane, WA 99258.

The project would expand and upgrade the School of Nursing's resource and simulation center. An upgrade and additional equipment are needed to support university nursing students and hospital staff nurses as they utilize simulation opportunities for education and training. It is in the interest of Congress to support these efforts so that additional students can receive nursing degrees. Funding is critical in the nationwide effort to solve the nursing shortage.

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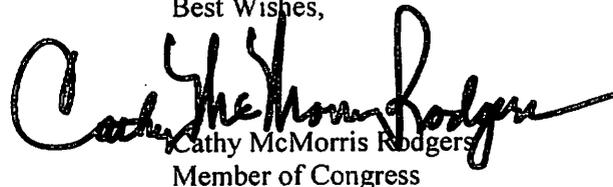
I am requesting funding for the Whitworth University Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Equipment Project in the FY10 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$400,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Whitworth University, located at 300 West Hawthorne Road, Spokane, WA 99201.

To attract more students into careers in science and mathematics, it is necessary to purchase state-of-the-art STEM equipment. This will prepare the general population with the levels of mathematics and science education necessary for America to compete.

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