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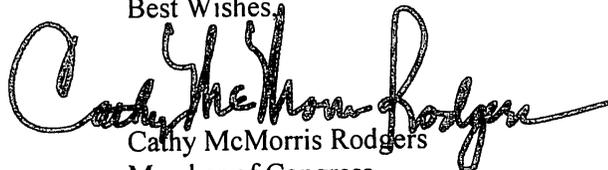
I am requesting funding for the WSU College of Nursing project in the FY10 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$1,800,000.00. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washington State University, located at French Administration Building, Rm.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

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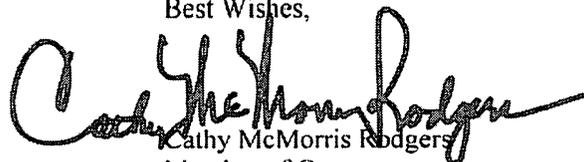
I am requesting funding for the Whitworth University Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Equipment Project in the FY10 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$400,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Whitworth University, 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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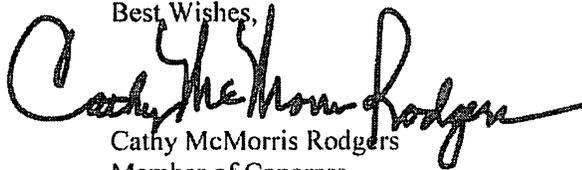
I am requesting funding for the Educational and Medical Benefits Through U.S. Production of Molybdenum-99 project in the FY10 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$5,000,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washington State University, located at the French Administration Building, Room 324, Pullman, WA 99164.

Technecium-99m is used for diagnosis and treatment of heart disease and cancer. It is used in 80% of all nuclear diagnostics tests in the U.S., treating several million patients a year. Its shelf life is less than two weeks, making a steady and reliable supply a compelling national need. Additionally, we need to work to create a supply-line that is not susceptible to interruption by foreign suppliers.

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I am requesting funding for the Institute for Simulation and Interprofessional Studies project in the FY10 Defense Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$5,500,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Washington, 301 Gerberding Hall, Seattle, WA 98195.

The Institute for Simulation and Interprofessional Studies (ISIS) enables the use of simulation technologies to improve the quality of health care education and improve patient safety. This project has a regional WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) and Department of Defense mission. This program includes more than 6,000 active clinical faculty physicians. It will work with the Madigan Army Medical Center and the VA to demonstrate how healthcare skills training can be distributed throughout an entire region. This project will develop programs for training the global health professional workforce and leveraging these tools for the assessment and treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder found in returning service personnel.

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