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Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis,

I am requesting funding for the Total Force Integration (TFI) Refueling Vehicle Maintenance Facility project in the FY10 Military Construction-VA Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$4,150,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairchild Air Force Base, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, located at 1 East Bong Street, Fairchild Air Force Base, WA.

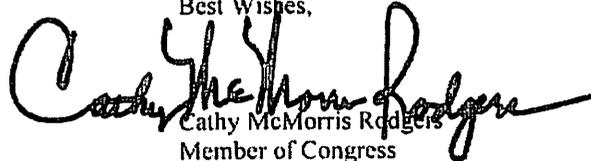
The TFI Refueling Vehicle Maintenance Facility would be a multi-bay, 5,005 square foot refueling vehicle maintenance facility to accommodate the Associate 92nd and 141st Air Refueling Wings into a one stop shop for servicing, maintaining, and repairing refueling vehicles and related equipment. This facility must be separate from the shop for other vehicles assigned to the base and needs to be located near the refueling vehicle parking area for operational efficiency.

Right now, the Fuels Management Flight of 100 personnel rely heavily on 15 maintenance people who service and repair the refueling vehicle fleet in support of the flying mission. Not only does the current old facility have no heat, but it is also approximately 1.8 miles from the refueling vehicle parking lot. These people work in undersized, substandard, and environmentally deficient facilities separated from each other.

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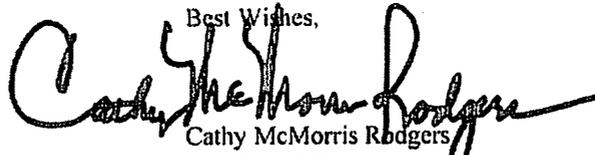
I am requesting funding for the Survival Evasion Resistance Escape (SERE) Force Support Complex, Phase I project in the FY10 Military Construction-VA Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$5,000,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairchild Air Force Base, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, located at 1 East Bong Street, Fairchild Air Force Base, WA 99011.

The current conditions used by the 336th Training Group, U.S. Air Force Survival School, Fairchild Air Force Base has substandard conditions including growing mold, continuous maintenance, and leaking roof. The average maintenance cost on this 58 year old facility is about \$143,000 per year. A new SERE Force Support Complex would not only give our Airman a better, safer environment to work, but it would also combine dislocated functions into one, energy efficient facility that meets the demanding technological requirements of the 21st century by bringing together the Air Force SERE School Commander, 336th Training Support Squadron and the 66th Training Squadron into one facility.

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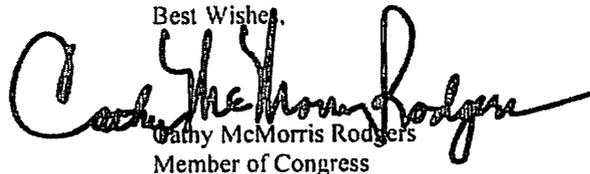
I am requesting funding for the Washington State University Research Center for the Study of Addiction: Methamphetamine, Prescription, and Other Drugs of Abuse project in the FY10 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$500,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washington State University, located at French Ad., Rm. 324, Pullman, WA 99164.

The Washington State University Program of Excellence currently is known for its cutting-edge, world class research into the treatment and prevention of methamphetamine. However, it is my understanding that this request will help leverage a problem Washington State is facing as it leads the nation in deaths from prescription drug abuse. This request will help fund equipment, materials, and one research fellow to be a faculty member at the Washington State University Program of Excellence to focus on the treatment and prevention of prescription abuse.

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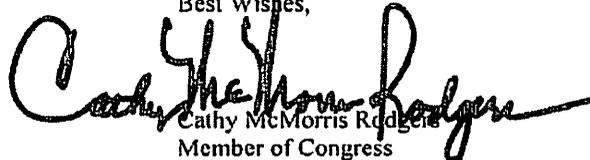
I am requesting funding for the Lake Roosevelt Management Enforcement Program project in the FY10 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$350,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, located at 1 Colville Street in Nespelem, WA.

It is my understanding that the Lake Roosevelt Management/Enforcement funds enable both the Colville Tribe and the Spokane Tribe to employ law enforcement officers to patrol Lake Roosevelt to enforce federal laws as well as tribal health and safety laws. Lake Roosevelt is a 151 mile reservoir of the Grand Coulee Dam, the largest hydroelectric power plant in the United States and the third largest in the world. The law enforcement patrols funded by the Lake Roosevelt Management/Enforcement funds are also an integral part of combating ongoing smuggling activity involving float planes from Canada that have used the remote lakes and waterways of the Colville Reservation as a smuggling route for cocaine, methamphetamines, ecstasy, and other illegal drugs. Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, tribal officers funded by this program have worked cooperatively with the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Park Service to increase their patrols in response to the heightened security threat.

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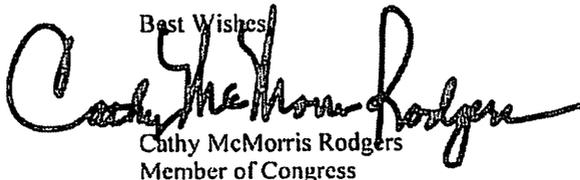
I am requesting funding for the Positron Capture and Storage project in the FY10 Defense Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$3,000,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washington State University, located at Post Office Box 641048, Pullman, WA 99164.

Anti-matter positrons can be utilized in applications such as medical diagnostics (Positron Emission Tomography), defect characterization in materials, and fundamental physics research. When positrons en masse are squeezed into a single trap, the repulsive forces quickly become impossible to control. To overcome this, they will stretch a first-generation trap into a tube of theoretically infinite length. The metal-coated tube walls will shield the low-density positron plasmas in each tube, thereby lowering the repulsive forces by 10,000-fold. An overall high density will be achieved by miniaturization to micrometer scale. We expect to design and construct a trap that will store 500 billion positrons for up to 10 days during the proof-of-concept project. The research will benefit the U.S. Army by permitting advanced applications research into using positron energy for low earth orbit space platforms and other high altitude vehicles.

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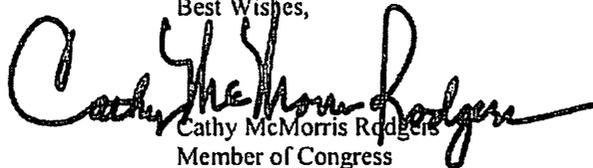
I am requesting funding for the Epigenetic Disease Research project in the FY10 Defense Appropriations bill. The amount requested for this project is \$5,000,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washington State University located at PO Box 641048, Pullman, WA 99164.

Washington State University is working with the U.S. Army to develop epigenetic biomarkers for disease in military personnel. The focus of the effort is the warfighter's exposure to environmental compounds utilized by the military and/or toxic materials found in war zones. The Medical Technology program element within the Department of Defense budget funds applied research required to sustain a force of healthy, medically protected warfighters to enhance their performance in training and operational environments.

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