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Honorable John McHugh
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Skelton and Ranking Member McHugh:

As the House Armed Services Committee begins to prepare the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization bill, please consider the attached requests that I am submitting, in priority order. These two projects would benefit the men and women who serve at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington. I also certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

The first request, the SERE Force Support Complex, Phase 1, would help fund a much needed facility that the Air Force Survival Evasion Resistance Escape (SERE) School Commander, 336 Training Support Squadron and the 66 Training Squadron would all occupy. Currently, the facility used continues to have maintenance issues, growing mold, and a leaking roof.

The second request, the TFI Refueling Vehicle Maintenance Facility, would be a multi-bay, 5,005 SF Refueling Vehicle Maintenance Facility to accommodate Associate 92d & 141st Air Refueling Wings under Total Force Integration (TFI). 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. These people work in undersized, substandard, environmentally deficient facilities separated from each other.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an 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

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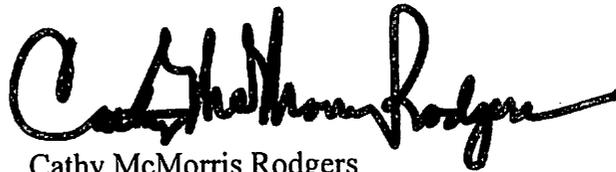
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included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

On behalf of the people of Eastern Washington, thank you for your attention to this request. Please don't hesitate to contact Aimee Henneke on my staff at 225-2006 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy McMorris Rodgers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress

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Enclosures