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COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

April 26, 2011

Dear Colleague:

As Chairman of the *Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies* I want to make you aware of the subcommittee's procedures for receiving Members' programmatic and language submissions for consideration in the fiscal year 2012 Appropriations bill.

- The system can be found at <https://AppropriationsSubmissions.house.gov>.
- The deadline for submissions is *May 20, 2011*.

I would like to emphasize the following:

- *Earmarks, as defined by clause 9(e) of Rule XXI of the Rules of the House, will not be considered.*
 - o Please consult the earmark disclosure statements included in prior appropriations Acts to assist in making a determination. If the activity was previously listed as a congressional earmark, the Committee will continue to treat it as such. In addition, corrections to past earmarks will also be considered earmarks. If you have any questions, please consult the Subcommittee staff.
 - o Please also be aware that any request for earmarks also invokes the Code of Official Conduct. Clause 17 of the Code prohibits Members from requesting a congressional earmark without disclosing certain information to the Chair of the Committee of jurisdiction. Members are advised to carefully consider their submissions to the Committee in light of this.

As you prepare your submissions, please note the following guidelines:

- All submissions must be made electronically at the <https://AppropriationsSubmissions.house.gov> web site. The submission must include an uploaded letter signed by the Member supporting the submission. Only submissions received electronically will be considered.
- For programmatic requests with multiple Member cosponsors, each cosponsor must enter a programmatic request into the online database. In addition, a scanned copy of the group request letter should be uploaded to the database for each request.

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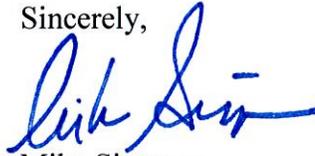
Subcommittee staff is available for consultation if you have additional questions. You may also find it helpful to review the congressionally directed spending tables in the FY 2010 ***Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies*** conference report.

If the Subcommittee staff contacts your office about correcting the account in which a programmatic or language request is being made, please make the change within 24 hours to ensure the appropriate account is designated.

Thank you for your interest in the programs and activities of the ***House Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies***. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the subcommittee staff at ***202-225-3081***.

I look forward to working with you during the 2012 appropriations process.

Sincerely,



Mike Simpson
Chairman,
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies