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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jack Kingston
Ranking Member
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Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Kingston:

As your committee begins deliberations on the Fiscal Year 2009 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I seek your support for programs that will provide needed resources to Utah communities. Specifically, I ask the committee's consideration of the following requests:

- 1) Cedar City, Utah requests \$2,400,000 through USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) small watershed program for the Coal Creek Flood Control and Parkway project. The request will help stabilize the Coal Creek Channel banks via irrigation diversion structures that will reduce sediment deposition in the channel. Expansion of the parkway along Coal Creek will also provide a bike trail along the creek and connection to existing trails.
- 2) The city of Holladay, Utah is requesting \$275,000 through STAG that will be used to rehabilitate the Upper Canal's under-cut and damaged banks and limit peak flows by installing storm drain over-flow structures. By rehabilitating this storm drain conveyance, this project will also preserve a green space corridor through the city of Holladay. The city will provide a 45% local match of \$245,000.
- 3) Salt Lake County requests \$1,100,000 through NRCS for the Jordan River Corridor Project. This project will encompass water quality, ecosystem restoration, and open space restoration. The project will retain its meanders and flood plain and will serve to mitigate flood events and provide natural water treatment.

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- 4) Emery, UT requests \$2,500,000 through USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) watershed protection and flood prevention to secure a more reliable water source. Twice this year the water tank has filled up with dirt, thus leaving the town without a clean water supply for well over a week. The strategic plan will create a desiltification structure and small reservoir to help create a reliable water source.

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The Honorable Alan Mollohan
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Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State
House Appropriations Committee
Room H-310 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Mollohan and Ranking Member Frelinghuysen:

As your committee begins deliberations on the Fiscal Year 2009 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill, I seek your support for programs that will provide needed resources to Utah communities. Specifically, I ask the committee's consideration of the following requests:

1. Uintah County Drug Court requests \$200,000 to expand and improve its highly successful Drug Court Program. The program could serve more clients if some improved technology and equipment could be secured.
2. The Washington County Sheriff's office requests \$195,278-funding will go towards the purchase of the mobile incident command vehicle to replace a travel trailer for managing incidents in the field. Washington County is one of the fastest growing counties in the country. The Sheriff's office faces a plethora of unique challenges ranging from SWAT operations to long and complex Search and Rescue missions.
3. South Salt Lake requests \$500,000 for Gang Intervention and After-School Youth Program Expansion. This program will allow the City of South Salt Lake to deliver prevention services to the most at-risk youth in the community.
4. Granite School District requests \$350,000 for the Project GRANITE (Gang-Reduction and Nonviolent Intervention Through Education) Program—Students Taking Action and Responsibility Together. This anti-violence program will directly benefit students who are at-risk of dropping out of school due to gang activity, drug use, low school performance, and other risk factors.
5. San Juan County requests \$2,000,000 for construction of a Fairground Community Facility Building that will promote economic development in Utah's most rural, remote and impoverished counties.

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6. Uintah County requests \$600,000 for the reopening of the Uintah County Western Heritage Museum. The museum will preserve the local heritage by collecting and displaying rare Fremont and Ute Indian artifacts, along with local family oriented historical items.

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The Honorable John P. Murtha
Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
House Appropriations Committee
Room H-149 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable C.W. Bill Young
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Defense
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Murtha and Ranking Member Young:

As your committee begins deliberations on the fiscal year 2009 Defense Appropriations bill, I seek your support for programs that will provide significant and desirable operational advances to the Armed Forces. Specifically, I ask the committee's consideration of the following requests:

1. **ROVER Combat Operations Support**—The Remote Operations Video Enhance Receiver (ROVER) 5 is the handheld, next-generation of the highly successful ROVER III Receiver. The ROVER 5 provides real-time full motion video for situational awareness, targeting, Bomb Damage Assessment (BDA), surveillance, convoy operations and other situations where eyes on target are required. Request is for \$7.3 million.
2. **TranSim Driver's Training Program**--TranSim, supported by FORSCOM and the 10th Mountain Division is designed to enhance soldier driving skills and behaviors through tailored state-of-the-art simulator based cognitive learning and classroom instruction system which accurately replicates the vehicle dynamics and handling characteristics of the M1114, M915, MRAP, HET, LMTV and other vehicles. Request is for \$3.0 million.
3. **Senior Scout Special Signals Exploitation System (SES)**—SES provides capabilities to exploit, geolocate, and report advanced technology COMINT Signals of Interest (SOI) to air and ground component commanders. It is a flexible, low profile capability adaptable to Strategic, Tactical, Counter Terrorism, Counter Drug and Military Operations Other Than War. Request is for \$5.0 million.
4. **Electroosmotic Pain Therapy System**—this pain therapy system will provide an alternative to current therapies for chronic pain treatment and provide for less risk of potential misuse, abuse and diversion compared to traditional pills or patches. Request is for \$3.0 million.

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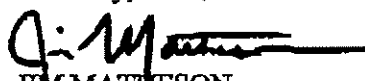
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5. **Neural Engineering Research**—funding is being sought, in conjunction with the University of Utah, to accelerate the development of a breakthrough technology that allows a direct interface between the human brain and computer. Request is for \$2.2 million.
6. **Lightweight Motors for the Future Combat System**—funding will be used for the production, testing and deployment of copper-rotor induction motors for drive systems in military applications such as the Future Combat System. The projected result is an ultra-efficient, more reliable alternative to currently used Permanent Magnet and Direct Current brushless motors increase battlefield survivability, fuel economy and overall efficiency while decreasing the size, weight and costs of vehicle drive systems. Request is for \$5.8 million.
7. **Arc Fault Circuit Breaker (AFCB) with Arc Location System**— Intermittent electrical faults cause many in-flight problems including fires, loss of control, and a host of other inaccurate electrical responses. Arc fault circuit breakers (AFCB) have been developed to reduce the damage caused by these intermittent faults, including the in flight fires, but their widespread deployment in the fleet is limited by maintenance concerns about how to locate and fix the intermittent fault that caused the breaker to trip. Request is for \$5.29 million.
8. **Velocity Sensing Sonar**—funding is for Phase II SBIR being conducted for the Special Operations Command to develop a precision navigation capability for the Advanced Seal Deployment System (ASDS). VSS is an advanced, COTS-based safety-of-ship navigation system used to precisely determine the speed through the water and over ground. The VSS is engineered for commonality and could be installed on surface ships, submarines and unmanned underwater vehicles (UUV), thus reducing life-cycle costs and streamlining maintenance and logistical support. Request is for \$3.5 million.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need additional information. I look forward to working with you in support of our military.

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The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
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The Honorable David Hobson
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Dear Chairman Visclosky and Ranking Member Hobson:

As your committee begins deliberations on the Fiscal Year 2009 Energy and Water and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I seek your support for programs that will provide needed resources to Utah communities. Specifically, I ask the committee's consideration of the following requests:

1. \$2 million for Spanish Valley Aquifer Study in Grand County and Moab, Utah. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114, Section 4093) authorizes this quantitative assessment and characterization of the aquifer/water supply. The future supply of drinking water for this fast growing region is uncertain because of growth projections and potential contamination concerns stemming from the aquifer's close proximity to the 16-million ton uranium mill tailings pile located near the town of Moab, Utah.
2. \$5 million for the Utah Center for Ultra-Clean Coal Utilization and Heavy Oil Research. The Utah Center will serve as a research Center of Excellence with a national and international focus to determine the validity and commercialization of various unconventional and clean energy technologies.
3. \$975,000 for Salt Lake County for Energy Efficient Government Buildings. Salt Lake County is requesting funding for the purchase and installation of solar panels on county buildings to reduce power costs and lower the county government's carbon footprint. As

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many as fifty county buildings could benefit from solar power and other green measures.

4. \$3 million for High Carbon Fly Ash project. This project would allow for the conversion of currently unusable high-carbon fly ash from coal-fired power plants into a usable product. Goals of this program include: reduced CO2 emissions from coal-fired power plants and CO2 produced by concrete industry; reduction of fly ash disposed at landfills; and use of fly ash by cement producers.
5. \$4 million for the Green River Pumping Project in Uintah County. Many areas throughout the Uintah Basin are in need of water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes. The Green River Pumping Project would develop approximately 8,500 acre-feet per year of water for the Uintah Basin area. Water would be delivered through a series of pipelines to users in the Ouray Park, Pelican Lake, and Cottonwood areas, which would make available increased diversions from the Uintah River System, by exchange, to the Lapoint-Tridell, Moffatt and Brough areas. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114, Section 5157) authorizes funding for water-related infrastructure projects in Duchesne, Iron, and Uintah counties in Utah.
6. \$900,000 for the Westminster College Science Center Equipment and LEED Technology Project. Westminster College is seeking a federal partnership to complete the purchase of scientific equipment for its new science center and to fund the incorporation of energy efficient LEED technology in its construction.
7. \$2 million for the Southwestern United States Drought Study. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114, Section 4003) authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and other appropriate agencies, to conduct, at Federal expense, a comprehensive study of drought conditions in the southwestern United States, with particular emphasis on the Colorado River basin, the Rio Grande River basin, and the Great Basin.

I would also like to request that the Committee include the following programmatic funding priorities in the final Energy and Water Appropriations bill:

1. \$5 million in additional funding for the Moab Tailings pile infrastructure improvements. The DOE recently amended the 2005 Record of Decision for the remediation of the uranium tailings pile in order to allow for the tailings to be moved by truck over US-191 (the original ROD recommended rail-only transport). Funding will be used for infrastructure improvements to accelerate movement of the tailings; the President's budget request did not include funding for this purpose.
2. Full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, which is authorized at \$2B for FY08-FY2012 under Sec. 541-548 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-140). This program provides grants to cities, counties, states, and Indian Tribes to develop and implement comprehensive energy efficiency strategies. Eligible grant activities include (but are not limited to): implementation of

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energy conservation programs for homeowners and businesses; reduction of vehicle usage through smart planning, traffic flow improvements, and telecommuting; increases in material conservation; and locally generation of electricity with renewable energy technology like solar, wind, and fuel cells.

3. \$200,000 for the Study on Indoor Environmental Quality in Schools. Authorized in PL 110-140 Sec. 142, this program will allow the DOE, working with the EPA and Department of Education, to conduct a detailed study of how sustainable building features such as energy efficiency affect multiple perceived indoor environmental quality stressors on students in K-12 schools.

I appreciate your consideration of these important projects. If you have questions or need additional information regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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March 16, 2008

The Honorable Norman Dicks
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Subcommittee on Interior, Environment
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House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Todd Tiahart
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Dicks and Ranking Member Tiahart:

As your committee begins deliberations on the Fiscal Year 2009 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I seek your support for programs that will provide needed resources to Utah communities. Specifically, I ask the committee's consideration of the following requests:

- 1) Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is requesting \$320,000 for the Bison Habitat use on the Henry Mountains. The Bison will be studied to quantify the impacts they have on forage plants on BLM Lands. Habitat use data will be collected using global position systems (GPS) collars and will help ensure the coexistence of a thriving bison herd and cattle grazing operations.
- 2) San Juan County is requesting \$500,000 through the BLM-Management of Land and Resources to construct a pedestrian bridge in Bluff, Utah that was washed out in the 2006 flood. This will avoid commutes of twenty-five miles going west, and forty-five miles going east. The bridge will allow easier accessibility for students to get to school, and for tourists to visit the Anasazi Fourteen Room Ruin.
- 3) The City of South Salt Lake is requesting \$1,100,000 through STAG to replace existing 4-inch water mains with 8 and 10 inch iron waterlines to meet current State fire suppression codes. The waterlines will correct many of the inadequacies in the water distribution system.
- 4) The University of Utah is requesting \$2,500,000 through the National Park Service to complete the design and construction of the museum building located at the university which will become the Natural History Museum for the State of Utah. The project will also serve as the new federal repository for all artifacts collected on federal lands in the State.

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The Honorable David R. Obey
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Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
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The Honorable James T. Walsh
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
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Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Walsh:

As you consider the fiscal year 2009 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I seek your support for the following projects of critical importance to the Second District of Utah. I have listed them in order of priority:

1. Utah Community Health Centers Electronic Health Records, Association for Utah Community Health, Salt Lake City, UT \$1,794,000. Fund for HRSA, Health Facilities and Services. Funds will be used to complete implementation of the FY08 funded electronic health record project, funds will purchase electronic health record software licenses for the remaining 92 community health care professionals, enabling community health centers throughout Utah to transition to electronic records systems.
2. Utah Navajo Healthcare Communications, Utah Navajo Health System, Montezuma Creek, Utah, \$3,079,000. Fund for HRSA, Rural Health Outreach. Funds will be used to build an IT infrastructure by creating a shared data center for neighboring hospitals and Utah Navajo Health System clinics.
3. Jordan School District Performance Appraisal System, Jordan School District, Sandy, Utah, \$66,400. Fund for Improvement of Education. Funds will be used to update the computer system hardware and software used for the performance evaluation system of classroom education.

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4. Jordan School District Administrators' Pathway to Success, Jordan School District, Sandy, Utah, \$ 91, 084. Fund for FIE. Funds will be used to establish a one-year professional development opportunity for Jordan District school administrators through a partnership with a local university.
5. Granite School System Family Learner Program, Granite County School District, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$350,000. Fund for FIE. Funds will be used to develop and implement basic comprehensive family literacy services among English language learners in the community.
6. Southern Utah University Science Center Modernization and Enhancement, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah, \$600,000. Fund for HRSA. Funds will be used to improve the Science center by adding 4 classrooms with 27 state-of-the-art science labs.
7. Center for Education, Business and the Arts, Dixie State College of Utah, St. George, Utah, \$145,000-Fund for FIPSE. Funds will be used to acquire 60 new computers, network telecommunications equipment, and a portable media site.
8. Best Buddies, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$250,000. Fund for FIE. Funds will be used to create 24 volunteer run programs in the second district to pair students with and without intellectual disabilities in a one-to-one mentoring program.
9. Safe Passages Youth Advocates, Salt Lake City School District Community Education, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$367, 000. Fund for FIE. Funds will be used to continue the one-on-one mentoring program for at risk youth.
10. Monticello Tailings Public Health Education Program, Utah Department of Health, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$350,000. Fund for HRSA, Rural Health Outreach. Funds will be used to establish a health education program for residents of Monticello stemming from uranium exposure.

I seek your support for the following national project requests. I have listed them in order of priority:

11. Reach out and Read, US Department of Education, Innovation and Improvement. Maintain and expand the national Reach Out and Read (ROR) early language and literacy development program.
12. Reading is Fundamental, US Department of Education, Innovation and Improvement. Increase funding to maintain the program which prepares children to read by delivering free books and literacy resources to those who need it most.

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13. National Endowment for the Arts and Arts in Education Program and Arts in Education, US Department of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education. Maintain funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts in Education programs to continue core program goals, presentations, and initiatives.

In addition, I seek your support for the following programmatic requests. I have listed them in order of priority:

1. Emergency Medical Services for Children, Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. Increase funding for the Emergency Medical Services for Children grant program to assist states in making a meaningful step towards investments in proper pediatric emergency care equipment and services.
2. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program, Department of Education, School Improvement. Increase funding for the Javits Gifted and Talented Program so the Department of Education can award grants on a competitive basis to States for the development or expansion of gifted and talented programs.
3. Antibiotic Resistance Funding, Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control. Increase funding for Antimicrobial Resistance at the Centers for Disease Control to combat *Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and other antimicrobial resistant superbugs.

Finally, I would also like to request the following report language regarding the Centers for Disease Control:

Antibiotic Resistance

The Committee is concerned that there are significant gaps in CDC's ability to track and monitor life-threatening antimicrobial resistant pathogens (e.g., *Klebsiella species*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) as these emerge in hospital and community settings. In particular, the Committee is concerned about the lack of capacity to do "sentinel" surveillance to describe and confirm regional outbreaks, and urges CDC to build upon existing structures, as well as add new sites (at academic health centers, etc.), to cultivate a geographically distributed sentinel surveillance network. This network will collect and analyze a variety of locally available clinical specimen and help CDC to describe, confirm and intervene against emerging outbreaks of resistant pathogens.

I would also like to request the following report language regarding the Centers for Disease Control:

Birth Defects research, Surveillance, and Prevention

The Committee understands that birth defects are a leading cause of infant mortality and about 120,000 babies are born each year with a birth defect. Both genetic and environmental factors can cause a birth defect, however the causes of 70% of birth defects are unknown. The Committee supports CDC's efforts in the area of birth defects surveillance, research and prevention and encourages CDC to continue the promising research being conducted by the