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Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2009 11:43 AM

To: [Office of Representative Jason Altmire]

Cc: OJP Earmarks; [OJP]

Subject: RE: Language re: EarmarkCong Communications on Earmarks - Rep. Jason Altmire - Allegheny County to be reprogrammed

[text omitted], thank you. We appreciate your help with this earmark.

We do have one question. In our discussions with [text omitted], I believe she mentioned that the Allegheny County Housing Authority is a federal government body. Did we understand this correctly?

Also, as you may know, we are required to post to a website any written communications regarding changes to earmarks on a website.

Please call if we can help in any way or if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you again, we appreciate your help with this.

With Regards,

[text omitted]

[text omitted]

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

US Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs

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From: [Office of Representative Jason Altmire]

Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 3:48 PM

To: [OJP]

Subject: FW: Language re: Earmark

Hi [text omitted],

I've been looped in on this request. I spoke with the Allegheny County Housing Authority last week, and they are not under the jurisdiction of Allegheny County. While the County Executive does appoint some of the board members, the ACHA is independent from the County.

I spoke with the CJS Appropriations Subcommittee, and they informed us that the best thing to do would be to submit a reprogramming request, which we did on Friday. We just requested clarification that the funding go to the ACHA rather than Allegheny County. According to the subcommittee, the funds will become available to the ACHA once the CJS FY10 bill is marked-up.

Please let me know if you have any questions at all, or if you need any other details from our end. I hope this all makes sense, but please let me know if you think any of this is off base.

Thank you for your help – we appreciate it,
[text omitted]

From: [Office of Representative Jason Altmire]
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 2:38 PM
To: [Office of Representative Jason Altmire]
Subject: FW: Language re: Earmark

From: [OJP]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:41 PM
To: [Office of Representative Jason Altmire]
Cc: [OJP]
Subject: Language re: Earmark

Per this morning's conference call, below is the language from our Office of General Counsel:

(According to) . . . the official county web-site, and the Allegheny County Housing Authority is one of the County-run authorities. As such, it appears that the Congressman's office was merely providing guidance to clarify which specific agency or instrumentality of the Allegheny County government would be the recipient, not to change the actual recipient. Further, it is clear that he was not trying to change the underlying purpose, which was to assist in an after school program at a community center in Harrison Township. That appears to have been indicated in the original Congressional chart. Given this, all the Congressman's office was trying to do was assist us in finding the appropriate county agency to receive the funding.

[text omitted] tells me that you have heard from the Housing Authority that they are not under the County's jurisdiction. Please confirm if that is the case.

Thank you.

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