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Subject: My Brother's Keeper of Genesee County

As you know, Senators Levin and Stabenow got an earmark in the FY09 CJS approps bill (omnibus) for My Brother's Keeper – The problem was that the recipient was incorrectly listed in the final bill as “Genesee County.” We have tried several times, unsuccessfully, to obtain a legislative fix to the problem – You'd think a technical correction would be easy, but we have been unable to get anything passed in the Senate.

We met w/ CJS approps staff today, and was told that this funding may be “de-obligated” at the end of this fiscal year. Is this the case?

If so, we need to start thinking of another way to get the money to My Brother's Keeper – We have consulted with the attorneys at the American Law Division, and feel that DJS has the authority to allocate the money to My Brother's Keeper (not via reprogramming). Since we don't anticipate a CJS approps bill passing before the end of the fiscal year, and highly doubt that we will get technical correction language passed before then, we may have to go to AG Holder and ask that this be done.

Please let me know what you guys think.... This has been a frustrating and exhausting process....

Thanks!

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