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Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I am writing in reference to an earmark that I recently obtained in the recently passed Omnibus Appropriations Act 2009. This project was noted in the Commerce, Justice, and Science subsection of the Congressional Record under OJP Juvenile Justice. The funding was for The Family and Community Resource Center in Columbiana County, Ohio for an amount of \$50,000.

This earmark would have offered programming in rural Appalachia to children that have experienced a high level of generational poverty and drug/alcohol use. After-school programs and night classes for children and parents on breaking the cycle would have been offered. I feel this type of work in my district is very important.

Unfortunately, the lease for the Resource Center fell through due to the economy. After speaking to the director, we both believe that it will be better to pursue this funding at a different time. For these reasons, I respectfully request that you remove this project from your list.

I look forward to working with you in the coming years. Please do not hesitate to contact Joan Gregory in my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE WILSON
Member of Congress