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The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Robert Byrd
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The Honorable George Voinovich
Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Inouye, Cochran, Byrd and Voinovich:

As your subcommittee begins to draft its appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010, we respectfully request your consideration of the following projects. These projects meet a local, state or national public need and maintain or create jobs.

City of Detroit Homeland Security Department Emergency Operations Center – Detroit, MI

We request $2 million for the City of Detroit Homeland Security Department Emergency Operations Center. The City of Detroit, as the largest city in SE Michigan, is without a fixed and permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is significant to SE Michigan to serve as a command and control center in the event of major catastrophes. A properly designed EOC is significant to provide a continuous common operating picture in support of the City's strategy on Homeland Security and to expand survivability and continuity of operations. Funding will be spent on administrative and legal expenses; architectural and engineering design; project inspection fees; site work; demolition and removal; construction and equipment. The project will be measured in five phases: schematic design, design development, construction documents, procurement services and construction phase services. Highlights of this project include: the effective use of approximately 12,000 square feet of an existing portion of the EOC, and also the capability to mitigate the potential of long term effects of a catastrophic event due to terrorism or other unplanned events.

Macomb County Centralized Dispatch – Macomb County, MI

We request $3 million for the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management and Communications to develop a state of the art centralized dispatch facility for first responders and the community. The facility has the potential to serve 24 local jurisdictions which are representative of over 45 emergency medical service, fire and police agencies. Approximately $1.5 million is for the renovation of an existing facility to conform to a centralized dispatch

center and the other $1.5 million would be for communications related equipment necessary to outfit the center. This project will realize substantial cost savings for the public by eliminating these redundant services while streamlining and coordinating services for first responders and the public. The centralized dispatch facility would bring all of these disparate facilities and entities into one centralized location that would reduce costs, provide more efficient use of taxpayer dollars and improve overall response times for calls placed to 911. The Office of Emergency Management and Communications is currently in the developmental stages of this project and they are developing a model program based on other facilities that exist elsewhere in Michigan and throughout the United States. They are also following guidance as developed by dispatch and communication organizations such as the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO).

Siena Heights Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Center – Adrian, MI

We request $2.5 million for Siena Heights University to renovate space for the Center for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. This project entails renovating space for the Center for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at Siena Heights University, recruiting practicing professionals to assist in the next levels of the Center's development, purchasing and installing technological tools and resources for an effective global presence and curriculum, and supporting research projects and initiatives to advance the Center's objectives to achieve homeland security and emergency preparedness throughout the State of Michigan, the region, and our nation. Siena Heights University is a full member with the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, and one of only 22 universities in the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) and the larger organization, Homeland Security/Defense Education Consortium (HSDEC). The University will measure the achievements of this project's objectives by tracking the number of students graduating each year from the Center for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and tracking how many of those students attain homeland security and emergency preparedness related jobs after graduation. Siena Heights University's goal each year will be to increase the number of students graduating from the Center for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness in order to increase the number of trained, educated homeland security and emergency preparedness workers who will protect citizens in Michigan and throughout the country.

Wayne State University Center for Information Assurance Computer Security – Detroit, MI

We request $1.5 million for Wayne State University to protect information in computing systems from malicious attacks and to ensure information privacy, confidentiality, integrity and availability. The purpose of this project is to establish a Center for Information Assurance (IA) Studies and Workforce Development at the Wayne State University to 1) build expertise in

information assurance through acquiring the National Security Agency (NSA)'s CAEIAE/CAE-R designation, which none of the three major Michigan research universities has so far; 2) build a first class research and education infrastructure for information assurance studies; and 3) build outreach programs with nearby industry partners, high schools and community colleges in the greater Detroit area. The funding will support faculty salaries, research expenses for current students, as well as scholarships and lab infrastructure upgrade to attract talented students in the greater Detroit region. The center will play a major role in developing talent and workforce in IA that are greatly needed in the computing industry and national cyberspace security, and thus help generate and keep high-paying jobs within Detroit and Michigan to diversify Michigan's economy landscape. The immediate measurement of this project's success is to acquire NSA's CAEIAE/CAE-R designation, which requires rigorous review to demonstrate the commitment to academic excellence in IA education.

City of Battle Creek Water and Sewer System Security – Battle Creek, MI

We request $1.3 million for the City of Battle Creek to install generators to provide standby power at the wastewater treatment plant and at two water system booster pump stations. Water security planning is critical because of the increased threat of terrorism and other attacks. Security can be improved by ensuring that there are backup power systems for emergency situations. This would provide needed backup power for pump stations, security, operations, communications, and emergency lighting systems.

Webberville Community Schools Security Enhancement – Ingham County, MI

We request $350,000 for Webberville Community Schools to install security cameras, servers, firewall protection, exterior lighting devices that save energy, and energy management hard and software to promote energy efficiency and education. The purpose of the project is to promote safety and security throughout the district and to preserve taxpayer investment by preventing theft and vandalism. This investment will also provide safety and security for networks and cyber technologies; keeping students and the community safe from various threats. The project goal is to complete the installation of a security system district wide that will provide a safe environment and provide tools that will assist in the management of the district. This project will benefit tax payers because it promotes a safer learning environment in the use of both the facility and the technologies in place. This project will also ensure a safe learning environment from threats outside of the school both physically and through the use of technology. The security threats that are stopped by the network servers will be listed through various reports in the server used for the firewall. The security cameras will provide safety and accountability throughout the district.

UASI Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Sustainment, Maintenance and Operational

Funds – Oakland County, MI

We request $20,000 for Oakland County's UASI Urban Search and Rescue Task Force. In an effort to establish an urban search and rescue capability, approximately $4,000,000 of the UASI dollars have been dedicated to creating a Type II Search and Rescue Task Force (MI-TF1). The UASI area includes the City of Detroit and the counties of St. Clair, Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe. MI-TF1 has 108 members and is largely made up of firefighters in the UASI area. This Task Force is NIMS compliant and FEMA equivalent. The creation of the task force is near completion and will respond in an intra and interstate basis if funding is made available for deployment and operating costs. Specifically, this funding is needed to purchase insurance, gasoline and provide routine maintenance for the equipment.

We certify that neither we nor our immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) that we have requested for the Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

We further certify that we have posted a description of the items requested on our official websites, along with the accompanying justification.

We appreciate the subcommittee's consideration of our requests. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kaye Meier of Senator Levin's staff at 202-224-6221 or Patty Readinger of Senator Stabenow's staff at 202-224-4822.

Sincerely,

Senator Debbie Stabenow

Senator Carl Levin