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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman David Obey  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-218, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Jerry Lewis  
House Appropriations Committee  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey & Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting \$935,000.00 for Bridging the Technology Gap in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Franklin County Schools (FCS), located at PO Box 610, Russellville, AL 35653. The funding would be used to upgrade a network by providing secure and robust access to educational resources both internally and externally via the Internet. Funds will be used to provide schools with modern switches, services, and equipment to replace the obsolete. Taxpayer Justification: Project will enable FCS students to utilize contemporary technology that will assist them in not only achieving a high school degree, but also aid them in preparing for specialized workforce skills and postsecondary endeavors. The US Department of Education made STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education a top priority.

I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any direct financial interest in this project.

Also, I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Aderholt