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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 \$2,800,000 for Engine Diagnostics Enhancement Capability in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is RMCI, INC., located at 1525 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 430 Huntsville, AL 35749. The funding would be used to provide the Army the capability for health monitoring of critical components, engine deterioration, analysis and detection, and identification of destructive failure modes for unmanned aerial systems. Taxpayer Justification: This project enhances the U.S. Government's ability to use unmanned aircraft to meet requirements of national defense at home and abroad; detecting flaws and deterioration through this work will help maintenance to be based on need rather than simply a calendar date and thus will save budget resources through more economical scheduling and through the ability to detect a flaw before a UAV fails and crashes during a mission.

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