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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
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Dear Chairman Obey & Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting $600,000.00 for the Montevallo Observatory Project Phase II in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Montevallo, located at UM Station 6006, Montevallo, AL 35115. The funding would be used to provide a facility for research and instruction in astronomy at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels, plus provide a valuable resource for K-12 schools and the general public. Taxpayer Justification: There is currently no permanent observing site in the greater Birmingham area. The Montevallo Observatory Project is an effort to promote interest in the science, technology, and math fields of study.

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,

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