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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 \$2,500,000.00 for North Alabama Small Business Incubator in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is George C. Wallace State Community College - Hanceville, located at 801 Main Street NW/PO Box 2000, Hanceville, AL 35077-2000. The funding would be used for a business incubator to provide start-up and emerging companies space and support including mentoring, networking and public relations opportunities, access to equipment, and referrals to professionals to facilitate self-sustainment. Taxpayer Justification: Job creation is key to the recovery of the US economy. The creation of new businesses can facilitate this process and provide new jobs and economic sustainability, as well as, creating new innovations to impact quality of life. This funding will further this important goal.

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