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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 funding for Transitioning Stretch Broken Carbon Fiber to Production Programs in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hexcel Corporation, located at Precursor Mfg: 3300 Mallard Fox Drive NW Decatur, AL 35601 and Carbon Fiber Mfg: 6700 W. 5400 South West Valley City, UT 84118. The funding would be used for SBCF technology affords major weight and cost reductions. Funding will go to fabricators to develop robust part molding processes. Funding will also generate a Mil-HdBk-17 database. Both tasks are necessary to take SBCF into production. Taxpayer Justification: On current DOD programs, such as the V22, F-22, and F-18 E/F, the composite content is limited to ~25% of the aircraft weight because other parts are not producible with today's materials. SBCF is a simple solution to this problem.

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