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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
The Honorable Thad Cochran, Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-131, U.S. Capitol
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The Honorable Barbara Mikulski, Chairman
The Honorable Richard Shelby, Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
144 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairman, and Ranking Member,

As your subcommittee begins to draft its appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010, we respectfully request your consideration of the following projects. These projects meet a local, state or national public need and maintain or create jobs.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

Bay County Neighborhood Resource Center - Bay City, MI

We request $195,000 for the Bay County Neighborhood Resource Center for substance abuse prevention services for at-risk youth. This funding will help provide prevention and early intervention programs to these youths and their families. The project will aim to reverse the area trend of substance abuse and dependence.

Buena Vista Charter Township - Saginaw, MI

We request $125,000 for Buena Vista Charter Township for police equipment upgrades. This funding will support the acquisition of three new police cruisers and equipment upgrades, equipped with necessary technology and gear, to improve public safety. Currently, the community is struggling with a rate of serious violent crime 4.5 times the national average.

City of Detroit Police Department - Detroit, MI

We request $1,000,000 for the City of Detroit for its Eastside Firearm Reduction Initiative. This funding will allow police personnel to increase visibility in targeted areas and respond to all fatal and non-fatal shootings, armed robberies, and carjackings within the Eastern and Northeastern

Districts. There have been 50 fatal/non-fatal shootings in these districts in the first month of 2009 alone; this project will aim to drastically reduce this number.

City of Detroit Police Department - Detroit, MI

We request $750,000 for the City of Detroit to implement a Parolees, Technical Parole Violators, and Former Prisoners project. This funding will reduce recidivism by providing former prisoners with transitional jobs, career coaching and counseling services. This project will increase the number of parolees that will maintain unsubsidized employment.

City of Detroit Police Department - Detroit, MI

We request $750,000 for the City of Detroit Police Department for the Northwestern District-Wide CB Patrol Initiative. This funding will allow for the installation and deployment of Automotive License Plate Recognition technology in thirty police cruisers. The program will allow the police patrols to more effectively patrol and locate stolen or wanted vehicles.

City of Detroit Police Department - Detroit, MI

We request $1,000,000 for the City of Detroit Police Department for infrastructure protection needs. This funding will allow for the purchase of two helicopters by the department as a fuel-efficient means to patrolling large areas. Aerial patrols are vital in protecting existing infrastructure and providing a safe environment for community revitalization.

City of Flint Police Department - Flint, MI

We request $250,000 for the City of Flint Police Department for a Safe Highway Initiative. This funding will be used to purchase electric, programmable cautionary signs to alert motorists of dangerous conditions on I-475. A large portion of I-475 is elevated and curved leading to increased slippery conditions.

City of Grand Rapids, Our Community's Children - Grand Rapids, MI

We request $630,000 for the City of Grand Rapids Our Community's Children initiative for the Jobs for Youth Program. This funding will increase the City's investment in early workforce development by training at-risk youth in 21st century work skills and providing literacy remediation. In order to help combat rising unemployment, this program will prepare young people to be viable employees in new technology and green industries.

City Of Lansing - Lansing, MI

We request $822,000 for the City of Lansing for the Lansing GPS Automatic Officer Locator and AV Technology Project. This funding will help integrate the city police department's public safety communications system, portable radios and vehicle computers. This program will speed up officer response and coordination. Violent crime in Lansing is 1.72 times the national average.

City of Utica Police Department - Utica, MI

We request $100,000 for the City of Utica to upgrade its 911 Life Line System. This funding will improve emergency response times within the City. The upgrade will bring the city into compliance with Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) guidelines and improve the level of public health and safety for area residents.

City of Westland Police Department - Westland, MI

We request $700,000 for the City of Westland Police Department for technology and equipment upgrades. This funding will improve public safety and aid in purchasing additional police vehicles with mobile data computers and video camera technology. This project will improve response time and the accuracy of police information.

County of Muskegon - Muskegon County, MI

We request $350,000 for Muskegon for its Community Re-entry Program. This funding will help coordinate services for people re-entering the community from the jail. Linking services will reduce costs and recidivism while increasing the assistance to offenders transitioning back to society.

Downriver Community Conference - Southgate, MI

We request $2,550,000 for the Downriver Community Conference for upgrades to the Downriver Coordinated Emergency Dispatch system. This funding will standardize call-taking equipment amongst eighteen regional communities to improve the coordination of emergency dispatch services. The increased coordination will be useful in combating the recent increases in the crime rates.

Downriver Community Conference - Southgate, MI

We request $2,735,800 for the Downriver Community Conference for equipment upgrades for the Downriver Mutual Aid System Preparedness IV. This funding will be used to purchase equipment and conduct system upgrades to better detect, monitor and mitigate potential disasters in the area and help prevent and solve crime. It is imperative that police departments have adequate equipment, and continue to coordinate to save money while maintaining and improving services.

Ingham County - Ingham County, MI

We request $650,000 for Ingham County for the IP-Based 911 Phone System upgrades. This funding will improve the existing 911 phone system which is all but obsolete. Ingham County would like to enhance public safety through the purchase of a new, state of the art IP-Based 911 phone system for the consolidated center. The current phone system is outdated and in need of

replacement, and it is necessary to have better technology in the county's new, consolidated facility.

Macomb County Emergency Management & Communications Division - Mt. Clemens, MI

We request $3,000,000 for Macomb County for Centralized Dispatch improvements. This funding will be used for equipment upgrades for combined emergency services in the County. There are 24 local jurisdictions with 3 private EMS agencies, 24 fire agencies and 18 police departments that will benefit from the purchase of new equipment.

Oakland County Sheriff's Department - Oakland County, MI

We request $625,000 for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for the Biometric Identification Enhancement Project. This funding will upgrade the CLEMIS CAPFIS palm print system, streamline the LiveID delivery system for vehicles and provide portable biometric devices to patrol officers. The increased ability to identify suspects on the street will increase arrests and improve community safety.

Office of the Governor, State of Michigan Department of Corrections - Lansing, MI

We request $500,000 for the State of Michigan Department of Corrections for its Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative. This funding will help create safer neighborhoods and better citizens by implementing a plan of services and supervision developed with each returning prisoner. This program will battle the obstacles faced by recently paroled prisoners with the high unemployment rate and lack of public support services within the city of Detroit.

Office of the Governor, State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget - Lansing, MI

We request $4,500,000 for the State of Michigan for its Emergency Operations Center. This proposal will help fund the installation of information technology infrastructure, furnishings, hardware, display systems, and support systems, such as uninterruptable power supplies and a backup generator among others. Such upgrades will help facilitate improved response efforts during state emergencies, national events, and disasters to protect Michigan's vital resources.

Office of the Governor, State of Michigan Department of State Police - Lansing, MI

We request $1,597,000 for the Michigan Department of State Police for mobile technology and communication upgrades. This funding will be used to procure new radios, digital video systems and cellular access for police vehicles and improved software to link records with local law enforcement documents. This funding will improve officer response time and allow for more preemptive response to potential criminal acts.

Office of the Governor, State of Michigan Department of State Police - Lansing, MI

We request $1,000,000 for the Michigan Department of State Police for forensic laboratory needs. The requested funds will be used to purchase instruments and equipment and provide the necessary training to new forensic personnel to adequately handle the increased caseloads. The State of Michigan does not have the funding resources to accomplish these objectives. With the current economic crisis Michigan is facing, federal funds become essential to this process.

Saginaw County Sheriff's Office - Saginaw, MI

We request $282,079 for the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office for the Regional Information Sharing Program. This funding will help consolidate law enforcement and correctional records, data, information and intelligence among local regional sheriff agencies and correctional systems. This project will lower the expenses of the current record system while increasing crime prevention abilities for the county.

Wayne County - Wayne County, MI

We request $640,000 for Wayne County for its Juvenile Mentoring Program. This funding will help support one-to-one mentoring programs for at-risk youth to help prevent delinquency. Targeting both adjudicated and at-risk populations allows the program to provide interventions to youth exposed to high levels of risk in the family, home, community and social environments that may lead to educational failure, school truancy, substance abuse and gang activity.

Wayne County, MI - Wayne County, MI

We request $1,500,000 for Wayne County for the Michigan Radio Communications Interoperability project. This funding will upgrade and integrate all first responder communications throughout the county into one seamless wireless network with Michigan's Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) – the statewide 800 MHz Project 25 network operated by the State of Michigan. Integration of the largest networks will increase the region's ability to respond effectively to homeland security threats.

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office - Wayne County, MI

We request $3,000,000 for the Office of the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney for data sharing and criminal history improvements. This funding will allow for increased interoperability between law enforcement divisions and the courts within the County who currently do not share data electronically. Redundancies and inefficiencies are slowing down and creating confusion among agencies.

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office - Wayne County, MI

We request $78,800 for the Office of the Wayne County Prosecutor for communication upgrades. This funding will be used to acquire recording equipment to preserve information relayed by local news regarding cases and crimes, as well as to improve online communication

access for the division's website. Assisting the effort to identify and locate possible witnesses will increase the County's ability to successfully prosecute crime.

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office - Wayne County, MI

We request $1,500,000 for the Office of the Wayne County Prosecutor to create a Mortgage Fraud Unit within the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. Currently, this unit is an inter-agency task force between the Wayne County Prosecutor, Sheriff, and Register of Deeds, but its staff is too small to handle the significant volume of presented cases. This proposal will expand the unit to include five assistant prosecutors, five detectives, one paralegal, one forensic financial examiner, one victim advocate, and two clerical workers. It will also fund a high volume scanner and specialized software that is necessary to track, organize, and present complex information to a jury.

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office - Wayne County, MI

We request $500,000 for the Office of the Wayne County Prosecutor for its computerized criminal history project. This funding will be used to purchase equipment such as computers and scanners to create a paperless modern electronic file system. The project will reduce the loss of evidence and allow the easy retrieval of files to enhance the successful litigation within the County.

Agudath Israel of America - Southfield, MI

We request $150,000 for Agudath Israel of America for the Project YES program. This funding will implement Project YES to improve academic performance, school appreciation and social skills among at-risk students in grades 6-12 in Detroit. The project will bring together adult mentors and parents in order to reduce negative patterns in students that exhibit scholastic failure, truancy and delinquent behavior.

Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) - Dearborn, MI

We request $1,000,000 for ACCESS for its at-risk programming at its Youth Center. This funding will provide programs that focus on academic achievement, family literacy, recreation and youth development. The project will help Dearborn youths who are in need of human services because many families are currently at or below the poverty line.

Childhelp Michigan - Southfield, MI

We request $600,000 for Childhelp Michigan to expand its child abuse intervention and treatment services in Southeast Michigan. The requested funding will allow Childhelp to establish a child diagnostic center and expand its capacity to provide these specialized services to children who have endured physical and sexual abuse and other traumas. Southeast Michigan is currently encountering an increase of children experiencing such traumas.

Eastern Michigan University - Ypsilanti, MI

We request $300,000 for Eastern Michigan University for the B. Side Business Boot Camp program. This funding will provide an entrepreneurial education program for youth offenders to prevent first-time juvenile offenders from becoming repeat offenders. The area has seen a recent increase in juvenile offenders due to recent economic decline and socioeconomic stratification.

Siena Heights University - Adrian, MI

We request $2,000,000 for Siena Heights University for its Center for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. This funding will allow for improved curriculum and technology to expand new degree programs which are supported by the Michigan State Police. Strategic, operational and tactical preparedness will be coordinated to improve professional development among Homeland Security professionals.

Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency - Wayne, MI

We request $525,785 for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency for its Youth Internet Safety Education Project. This funding will aid the Agency in partnering with Web Wise Kids to implement Internet safety programs in schools serving students in grades 6 through 9. Educating kids on safe Internet use is critical to prevent harm from occurring.

Wayne State University - Detroit, MI

We request $600,000 for Wayne State University for the Prisoner Reentry Program. This funding will provide vocational, educational and other support services to ex-offenders to prevent them from returning to a life of crime. The recidivism rate for Wayne County is 48 percent. The program is expected to reduce this rate to 20 percent.

Focus: HOPE - Detroit, MI

We request $200,000 for Focus: HOPE for its Youth Media Initiative. This funding will help implement the Initiative to provide low-income, at-risk teen youths in Detroit, Michigan with professional training and mentorship in fields of creative media technology, delivered within an anti-violence curriculum. These programs will direct youth away from negative activity paths and onto positive educational achievements.

Internet2 - Ann Arbor, MI

We request $1,000,000 for Internet2 for the Center for Collaborative Network Security Development. This funding will be used to develop interoperable security innovations that reduce national network vulnerabilities and minimize the damage from potential cyber attacks. This project will protect national research networks and then be used as an example for other public entities and businesses.

Saginaw Art Museum - Saginaw, MI

We request $500,000 for the Saginaw Art Museum for its Art Education Program. This funding will help provide art exposure to at-risk youths in Title I schools to help improve their school success while preventing juvenile delinquencies. Art education creates a positive academic environment and improves social development of youth.

Starr Commonwealth - Albion, MI

We request $600,000 for Starr Commonwealth for its Bridges Toward Responsible Adulthood Program. This funding with help improve the Bridges program that works with young persons and communities to address specific needs of troubled and at-risk youth. Without support, youth who age out of foster care or the juvenile justice system will be at higher risk of homelessness, crime and incarceration.

Team Focus, Inc. - Detroit, MI

We request $500,000 for Team Focus, Inc., for the Detroit Team Focus Mentoring Project. This will fund programming efforts directed towards fatherless young men to motivate them to strive towards goals and leadership development in their communities.

The Friendship Circle - West Bloomfield, MI

We request $415,000 for The Friendship Circle for the Self-Determination Anti-Bullying in LifeTown (SAIL) project. This funding will improve curriculum and develop anti-bullying intervention programs. This project will improve the life skills and self-determination of 11,750 students in Michigan and Ohio.

The Manor - Jonesville, MI

We request $500,000 for The Manor for the Family and Community Reintegration Program. This funding will provide for much-needed services to successfully transition Michigan children with developmental disabilities back to productive family or community-based environments. This program will allow the meetings and sessions to occur off campus for high-risk families that cannot travel due to financial hardship.

United Way for Southeastern Michigan - Detroit, MI

We request $500,000 for the United Way of Southeastern Michigan for its Juvenile Crime and Delinquency Prevention Program. This funding will help bring together community resources with proven school turnaround models to reduce dropout rates and build development assets in at-risk youth. High dropout rates in urban areas and economically challenged municipalities are a significant problem in Michigan.

YWCA of Greater Flint - Flint, MI

We request $850,000 for the YMCA of Greater Flint for the Partners in Transition program for at-risk young women. This funding will assist young women who are exiting the foster system to transition to independent living. There is currently no support in Genesee County for women making this difficult transition.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION:

MichBio Institute- Ann Arbor, MI

We request $500,000 for MichBio Institute for efforts to position Michigan's Bio-Industry for the future. This funding will help support asset mapping analysis and research to promote the industry within the state. The project will support the expansion of a dominant technology sector where Michigan has recognized strengths, assets, talents and capabilities with considerable potential for growth.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION:

Michigan Research Institute - Ann Arbor, MI

We request $2,000,000 for the Michigan Research Institute's Joining Technologies Enabling Space Structures research. This funding will support a new welding process that has been developed and is capable of joining tubular support structures with low cost and high reliability. The use of tubular structures dramatically reduces the weight component of a system while at the same time increasing strength. Both of these attributes are of high interest for space exploration and civilian/military transportation use. Providing stronger, safer structures while reducing weight will improve vehicle crash safety, rollover rates and fuel efficiency.

Public Museum of West Michigan - Grand Rapids, MI

We request $1,525,000 for The Public Museum of West Michigan for renovations to the Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium. This funding will be used to renovate the 50 foot domed planetarium and help stimulate a renewed interest in science. A new science education program will be based on the planetarium in order to interest young minds in science and engineering.

NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

Acme Township - Williamsburg, MI

We request $3,000,000 for Acme Township for a Shoreline Preservation Initiative. This funding will allow for the purchase of 0.6 miles of Lake Michigan coastline in East Grand Traverse Bay to expand a waterfront park. This project will increase public access and environmental preservation of the region.

Eastern Michigan University - Ypsilanti, MI

We request $702,000 for Eastern Michigan University for Hyperspectral Remote Sensing and Science-Based Management of Invasive Species in the Detroit River. This funding will allow for Phase II of this wetland management project researching invasive species. Invasive species are responsible for alteration in the ecosystem, extinction of native species, and a reduction in recreation value to the refuge.

Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory - Ann Arbor, MI

We request $12,000,000 for NOAA's Great Lakes Research Laboratory (GLERL), a premier research institution focusing on fresh water resources, critical to the effective management of the Great Lakes. GLERL conducts on-going research on a variety of issues including invasive species, water levels, and hydrologic processes.

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary - Alpena, MI

We request $1,775,000 for The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary for exhibit expansion. This funding will allow for expansion of the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center to include a Science Hall, new dive locker, large artifact conservation and research facility, renovation of adjacent facilities for the community boat building program and a dive training facility.

We certify that neither we nor our immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) that we have requested for the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

We further certify that we have posted a description of the items requested on our official websites, along with the accompanying justification.

We appreciate the subcommittee's consideration of our requests. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kaye Meier of Senator Levin's staff at 202-224-6221 or Patty Readinger of Senator Stabenow's staff at 202-224-4822.

Sincerely,

Senator Debbie Stabenow

Senator Carl Levin

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Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairman, and Ranking Member,

The following is a list of my support for additional requests for the fiscal year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. These requests have a nationwide impact, meet a local, state or national public need, and maintain or create jobs:

$435,000,000 for Legal Services Corporation (Nationwide) to provide basic legal assistance to low income individuals including assistance with foreclosure;

$55,000,000 for Regional Information Sharing System (Nationwide) to facilitate the communication of information across law enforcement agencies;

Increase funding to $705,000,000 for the Victims of Crime Act, Crime Victims Fund (Nationwide) Increases the cap on the fund to $705,000,000;

Support the full funding of the Adam Walsh Child Protection Act (Nationwide) Support the full funding authorized by the Adam Walsh Child Protection Act;

$44,000,000 for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (Nationwide) this funding is for critical infrastructure improvements at public broadcasting stations;

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$683,000,000 for the Violence Against Women Act and Family Violence Prevention Services Act (Nationwide) for the support law enforcement, courts, rape crisis centers, shelters, children's services, and community outreach; and,

$151,000,000 For the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program (Nationwide) for funding to help forensic labs keep up with the increasing demand for DNA analysis.

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