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The Honorable Alan Mollohan, Chairman
Chairman, Subcommittee on Science,
the Departments of State, Justice, and
Commerce, and Related Agencies
H-310, United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Wolf, Ranking Member
Chairman, Subcommittee on Science,
the Departments of State, Justice, and
Commerce, and Related Agencies
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Mollohan and Ranking Member Wolf:

As you consider the FY 2010 Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations legislation, I would urge your consideration of these important programs designed to improve law enforcement capabilities in the State of Illinois.

- 1. Madison County Veteran's Court:** Department of Justice, OJP – Byrne Discretionary Grants; \$60,000 in funding for Veterans Linkage Specialist for Third Judicial Circuit Madison County Veteran's Court.
- 2. Christian County Sheriff Office Interoperable Communications Upgrades:** Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology; \$250,000 in funding for interoperable communication needs for emergency response in Christian County.
- 3. Fairfield Police Department Emergency Communications and Equipment Upgrades:** Department of Justice, OJP – Byrne Discretionary Grants; \$113,000 in funding to be used for an emergency generator and security and communications upgrades for Fairfield Police Department to allow them to utilize their facility and provide the equipment necessary for security compliance.

4. **Equipment and Supplies for Wayne County Sheriff:** Department of Justice, OJP – Byrne Discretionary Grants; \$100,000 in funding to be used for equipment and supplies to upgrade underage drinking enforcement and other communications related equipment at Wayne County Sheriff's office.

5. **Southern View Police Training and Equipment:** Department of Justice, OJP – Byrne Discretionary Grants; \$100,000 in funding to be used for training and equipment for the Southern View Police Department.

6. **Findlay Police Equipment:** Department of Justice, OJP – Byrne Discretionary Grants; \$10,000 in funding will be used for equipment to allow the FPD to properly equip their officers for the seasonal increases in traffic.

7. **i-SAFE e-Safety Education and Outreach Initiative:** Department of Justice, OJP – Juvenile Justice; \$2,000,000 for i-SAFE which is a non-profit foundation that has been providing, since 2002, Internet Safety curriculum to over 7.2 million students nationwide. Parents, educators, law enforcement and industry rely on i-SAFE to educate citizens in all 50 states about how to remain safe from online predators, consumer fraud, bullying and many other online victimization schemes.

Program Requests:

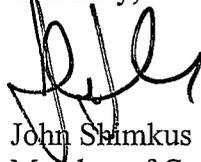
- **Manufacturing Extension Partnership:** \$131,800,000 in National Institute of Standards and Technology
- **BJA Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification grant program (SAVIN):** \$15,000,000
- **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program:** \$1,100,000,000
- **Public Telecommunications Facilities Program:** \$44,000,000,000

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.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these important requests. If you, or your staff, have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Ryan Tracy on my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Shimkus', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

John Shimkus
Member of Congress