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The Honorable John P. Murtha, Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
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The Honorable C.W. Bill Young, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Defense
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Murtha and Ranking Member Young,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the funding of the following projects in the FY 2010 Defense appropriations bill. These requests will greatly benefit the constituents of the 19th District in Illinois.

1. MC 12 Flying Mission Options for Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport ANG, Springfield: Ap,Af Aircraft Procurement, Air Force; 044 C-12; \$40,000,000 funding will be used for the purchase of 8 additional MC 12 aircraft to be based in Springfield, Illinois at the ANG base at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport to support a Homeland Security mission and other intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions.

2. Procurement of C40C Aircraft, Scott Air Force Base: Ap,Af Aircraft Procurement, Air Force, 017 C-40; \$180,000,000 in funding will be used for additional C 40 aircraft at The 932 Airlift Wing (AW) and the 375th AW at Scott AFB to recapitalize its fleet to continue to meet our airlift requirements and support national policy

Program Requests:

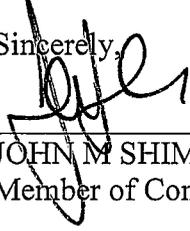
- **Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program:**
\$10,000,000
- **Blood Cancer Research:** \$25,000,000

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 your consideration of these requests. Please let me or my aide, Ryan Tracy, know if we may provide your office with any additional information.

Sincerely,



JOHN M SHIMUS
Member of Congress