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The Honorable Chet Edwards, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs  
and Related Agencies  
Room H-143 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Zach Wamp, Ranking Member.  
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs  
and Related Agencies  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Edwards and Ranking Member Wamp:

As your subcommittee continues work on the Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill for FY2010, I want to ask the committee to include funding for the following projects that are of great importance to my area.

**Capital Airport Road Entrance:** Department of Defense, Air National Guard; \$6,300,000 in funding to relocate the entrance road at the Air National Guard Base at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport in Springfield, Illinois. The relocation is necessary to meet the Homeland Security back requirements and will ensure that the base can remain one of the largest employers in Central Illinois.

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. SHIMKUS  
Member of Congress