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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
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski, Chairman
The Honorable Richard Shelby, Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairman, and Ranking Member,

As your subcommittee begins to draft its appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011, we respectfully request your consideration of the following projects. These projects meet a local, state or national public need and maintain or create jobs.

Technical Correction of an Error in FY09 Funding for My Brother's Keeper of Genesee County

As you know, in the FY09 Omnibus a recipient was incorrectly listed as "Genesee County" instead of "My Brother's Keeper of Genesee County." The Department of Justice is aware of the error, however, they cannot allocate the funding to the correct recipient without legislative action. We tried unsuccessfully several times to correct this problem during the FY10 appropriations cycle with bipartisan support to no avail.

We urge you to include the following language in the FY11 bill which is needed to correct this problem:

Of the amounts appropriated for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program under subpart 1 of part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3750 et seq.) under the heading "STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE" under the heading "OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS" under the heading "STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES" under title II of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8; 123 Stat. 579), at the discretion of the Attorney General, the amounts to be made available to Genesee County, Michigan for assistance for individuals transitioning from prison in Genesee County, Michigan pursuant to the joint statement of managers accompanying that Act may be made available to My Brother's Keeper of Genesee

County, Michigan to provide assistance for individuals transitioning from prison in Genesee County, Michigan.

Fiscal Year 2011:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

**Aggressive Community Patrol Project
Wayne County Sheriff's Office - Wayne County, MI**

We request \$1,000,000 for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office for the Aggressive Community Patrol Project. This funding will be used for the equipping and hiring of additional deputies. The deputies will be assigned in pairs to designated neighborhoods in Wayne County. Each neighborhood will be designated by high crime, unemployment, poverty, truancy and other crime related factors. The deputies will respond to all law enforcement related issues in the area as well as participate in community meetings with schools, churches, block clubs and other groups. The deputies will develop relationships with business owners and residents to create a constant presence in the community.

**Calhoun County Sheriff's Record System Update and Regional Infrastructure
Sharing Project
Calhoun County Sheriff – Marshall, MI**

We request \$700,000 for the Calhoun County Sheriff to upgrade its current records system to allow for real time reporting and access between officers in the community and the main data information hub. This effort will make the officers more efficient and increase their safety. The technology will eventually be available across jurisdictional lines allowing for every community law enforcement agency to communicate together effectively in real time.

**Delta County Computer Project Part 2
Delta County – Escanaba, MI**

We request \$200,000 for the Delta County Computer Project, Part 2 to obtain software, network infrastructure, back up devices, fiber and modems. This project will connect all law enforcement entities within Delta County via computers and will enable the intelligence gathering capabilities of the officers on the road to gather, share and disseminate intelligence in real time. The departments involved include Delta County Sheriff, Escanaba Public Safety, and Gladstone Public Safety.

**City of Detroit Installation of Electronic Security Systems
City of Detroit - Detroit, MI**

We request \$2,000,000 for the City of Detroit to install electronic security and surveillance systems in city-owned properties. Installation of such equipment will enable Detroit to better protect its building inventory against theft, vandalism and acts of sabotage. Installing electronic surveillance measures would help in deterring crime and reducing security costs over time.

Detroit Police Department Tenth Precinct's Project Safe Haven
Detroit Police Department – Detroit, MI

We request \$426,800 for the City of Detroit's Tenth Precinct's Project Safe Haven. The Detroit Police Department's Tenth Precinct, which encompasses 20.8 square miles and is home to approximately 130,000, will use the funding for equipment and community policing activities. The objective is to effectively reduce or eliminate home invasions community meetings to educate citizens, conducting security surveys of homes, utilizing community policing and increased patrols as crime deterrence.

City of Detroit, Detroit Police Tactical Operations
City of Detroit – Detroit, MI

We request \$362,168 for the Detroit Police Tactical Operations, which is delineated with the task of planning and staffing major public events within the city. Funding will be used to provide law enforcement for special events. The inordinate amount of ingress and egress vehicular and pedestrian traffic is excessive and requires maximum uniformed police staffing for stationary traffic and crowd control detail. To maximize available manpower and department resources, without detracting from normal patrol operations, overtime will be necessary to ensure the safety of attending spectators and residents of the city.

City of Detroit, Southwestern Undercover and Vice Enforcement Initiative
City of Detroit – Detroit, MI

We request \$500,000 for the Southwestern Undercover and Vice Enforcement initiative which is a collaborative effort between the Southwestern District and other Detroit Police inter-departmental entities to increase the enforcement efforts of narcotics and vice activities within sector seven. The concentrated enforcement will be specifically directed against narcotics and vice activity within sector seven. The ultimate goal is to significantly reduce the narcotic and vice activity in the area, thereby reducing narcotic related crimes by approximately 25%.

The City of Flint Interoperable Communications Project
City of Flint – Flint, MI

We request \$5,000,000 for the City of Flint to replace its police and fire radio system with an interoperable platform of voice communications, specifically an 800 MHz dispatching system. One of the major issues facing the emergency services sector is the inability of emergency service workers to communicate with one another when the need arises. The inability of the City of Flint to communicate with outside agencies during times of necessary coordination, whether during a regional event or one of national homeland security concern, is the focus of the problem and solution under this proposal. Therefore, the goal of this project is to provide for sharing of critical information among partners to improve officer and public safety. An ancillary benefit of this program will be to create jobs during the implementation phase.

City of Frankfort Enhanced Security Video Surveillance Project
City of Frankfort – Frankfort, MI

We request \$100,000 for the City of Frankfort for enhanced security video surveillance equipment. Due to budget constraints, the City has been forced to reduce its police force 40% since 2004. In order to achieve a higher level of security, the City of Frankfort would like to install video surveillance cameras. Placement of video surveillance systems will enhance security and provide law enforcement presence 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

City of Grand Rapids After School Program
City of Grand Rapids – Grand Rapids, MI

We request \$875,000 for the City of Grand Rapids After School Program. This project provides both summer and after school programs in community centers, city government, parks and schools for over 3,000 elementary and high school students. It expands after school programs to two additional high school sites and provides support for teens to learn business technology and engage in learning to recover class credits for graduation. The program also provides teens with access to a 36-hour intensive leadership and civic engagement program that prepares them for the workplace, supports an eight week summer camp providing outdoor recreational and leadership activities, and extends an intensive five day, 11am-5pm summer academic program.

Bay City Law Enforcement Technology Infrastructure Upgrades
City of Bay City – Bay City, MI

We request \$306,220 for the City of Bay City for law enforcement technology infrastructure upgrades. This funding will be used to upgrade Bay City Police Department's equipment in order to increase the effectiveness of a shrinking police force. Funding will be used to purchase in-car camera systems, automatic license plate readers, digital vandalism deterrent systems to combat graffiti and other property destruction within identified areas, IA Pro software that allows the Police Department to streamline internal investigations and a child identification system which will facilitate communication between Bay City and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Law Enforcement Vehicles and Equipment
Buena Vista Charter Township - Buena Vista, MI

We request \$90,000 for Buena Vista Charter Township for the purchase of law enforcement vehicles and equipment. This funding will be used to provide the Buena Vista Police Department with the necessary cruisers and equipment to patrol the streets of this struggling, high-crime community. Additional police cruisers will give the police department the ability to respond more effectively to an increasing level of emergency calls. Buena Vista Charter Township is a distressed, low-income community with a determined economic development and revitalization strategy underway.

**Imaging of Ingham County Vital Records
Ingham County - Ingham County, MI**

We request \$100,000 for Ingham County for the Imaging of Ingham County Vital Records. This funding will be used to electronically scan and index approximately 2.5 million birth, death, and marriage records on file in its vault. Electronic records make retrieval of, and modifications to the documents quicker and more efficient.

**Ingham County 911 Consolidated Dispatch Center Facility/Fiber Communication
Backbone
Ingham County - Ingham County, MI**

We request \$3,500,000 for the Ingham County 911 Consolidated Dispatch Center Facility, Fiber Communication Backbone. This funding will be used to develop a new, Consolidated 911 Dispatch Center within the County, replacing the current dispatch centers in Lansing and East Lansing. This includes upgrades to current servers, computers, and printers along with the installation of two separate physical high-speed fiber connections to the new center. The facility will be able to link to Clinton, Eaton, and Livingston counties, facilitating sharing, backup and failover of Public Safety Information Systems.

**Ingham County Real Property Fraud Unit
Ingham County - Ingham County, MI**

We request \$150,000 for the Ingham County Real Property Fraud Unit. This funding will be used to create a full time unit to investigate property fraud in conjunction with the Register of Deeds office. Property fraud is growing at an alarming rate. It is important for local municipalities to have the resources necessary to properly investigate these crimes.

**Lansing/Ingham County Safe Streets Project
Ingham County - Ingham County, MI**

We request \$76,000 for the Ingham County Safe Streets Project. This funding will be used to reduce gun crimes within the county. The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office will work with the Lansing Police Department to create a database of violent offenders, parolees, and gun offenders to improve the prosecution of gun cases.

**City of Lansing Law Enforcement Technology
City of Lansing – Lansing, MI**

We request \$700,000 for the City of Lansing to purchase an advanced GPS automatic locator system and replace outdated analog video and audio recording system technology with new IP technology. The proposed Lansing GPS locator system will allow faster call response, provide officer location information when the officers are involved in dangerous situations, wounded, or otherwise unable to call for backup, and increase the situational awareness of command staff for efficient incident command and scene management during major incidents.

**Macomb County Centralized Dispatch
Macomb County – Mt. Clemens, MI**

We request \$2,000,000 for Macomb County to continue to develop plans for a centralized dispatch facility for EMS, hospitals, fire and police agencies within the county. The funds will be used in two main areas: facility renovation and interoperable communications equipment and for architectural services/design, cosmetic upgrades, HVAC upgrades, electrical upgrades, security systems, etc. The interoperable communications equipment includes dispatch consoles, dispatch furniture, emergency notification systems and E-9-1-1 phone equipment. This project would allow for the consolidation of dispatch services that are currently duplicated in several jurisdictions.

**Oakland County's Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System
(CLEMIS) Consortium
Oakland County Sheriff's Office – Pontiac, MI**

We request \$700,000 for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System. This funding will be used to improve integration and interoperability of its biometric, dispatch, records management and other public safety services. The ongoing enhancement effort will provide a broader range of services for officers including mobile access to an expanded suite of investigative tools while on patrol. The project will also improve the reliability and performance of existing technology which will benefit all of the CLEMIS users; patrol officers as well as management and staff.

**State of Michigan Birth Registry System Database
State of Michigan – Lansing, MI**

We request \$575,000 for the State of Michigan Birth Registry System Database. Funding will be used to create up to eight new positions for the purpose of updating the Birth Registry System database. The database currently contains thousands of records for deceased individuals who have not been marked deceased. This creates the potential for fraud because perpetrators use these identities to apply for government benefits. The project would identify deaths among Michigan birth registrants, validate the deaths, and appropriately update the database.

**State of Michigan Data Collection and Retrieval System
State of Michigan – Lansing, MI**

We request \$1,000,000 for the State of Michigan Data Collection and Retrieval System to replace its current crime statistics system with The Data Collection and Retrieval System (DCRS), a new reporting platform which will leverage information across various statewide data stores. Funding will be used to hire contractual project management and programming staff, as well as to hire two analysts. In addition, funds will be used for hardware purchases including servers, and will be sub-granted to local law enforcement agencies to pay for IT system integration. The goal of the system is to link independent case management systems, jail management systems, and disparate officer activity collection systems from over 600 law

enforcement communities within Michigan to form a new system. This new system will provide robust crime trending and predictive analytics for law enforcement to prevent, respond, and investigate emerging threats. Michigan does not currently have a statewide means to share information.

State of Michigan Mental Health Court Expansion
State of Michigan – Lansing, MI

We request \$875,000 for the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to expand the mental health court pilot program to an additional five courts. A mental health court is a specialized court docket using a problem solving approach with individuals identified as mentally ill that is intended to reduce contacts with the criminal justice system through participation in treatment services. In 2009, the MDCH and the Judiciary, State Court Administrator's Office initiated a legislatively supported collaborative project that resulted in eight mental health court pilot projects.

Midland County Sheriff's Record System Update and Regional Infrastructure Sharing
Midland County Sheriff – Midland, MI

We request \$250,000 for the Sheriff's Record System Update and Regional Infrastructure Sharing. Funds will be used to upgrade the current records system to allow for real time reporting and access across jurisdictional boundaries. Instead of processing information about suspects, incidents, vehicles and evidence on isolated and expensive mainframe computers, agencies will be able to log in to create, edit or access police, court, and jail records using any desktop computer or a laptop with a wireless Internet connection.

City of Oak Park Technology Upgrades For Service, Safety & Law Enforcement
City of Oak Park – Oak Park, MI

We request \$360,000 for the City of Oak Park for the implementation of technology that will significantly bolster citizen security and expand access to key information resources. The Public Safety Department in Oak Park will use a portion of the funds for a computer aided police and fire dispatch system that will greatly improve its emergency response capability and create monitored video security and smoke alarm networks in all civic center buildings. Hundreds of citizens and municipal employees will be better protected every day. Funds also will be used to install in the Library/Community Center a wireless network to provide residents, most of whom are low or moderate income, increased access to educational and job resources via additional public use computers.

Gunshot Location System Acquisition, City of Saginaw Police Department
City of Saginaw – Saginaw, MI

We request \$1,200,000 for the City of Saginaw to purchase the ShotSpotter Gunshot Location System (GLS). Networked sensors will continue to be placed at specific coordinates on buildings and telephone poles throughout the City of Saginaw and integrated with PODS cameras to accurately detect and locate the origin of gunshots and weapons-events. Once a gunshot is

detected, ShotSpotter calculates the position where the gun was fired and sends the data to a central server accessible by law-enforcement agencies. This enhanced, integrated system will allow the Saginaw Police Department to not only identify the origin of gunfire, but also capture video evidence of the perpetrators.

Upper Peninsula 15 County Interoperable Communications Consortium
Upper Peninsula 15 County Consortium – Marquette, MI

We request \$1,500,000 to assist the Upper Peninsula 15 County Consortium law enforcement community to fully migrate to the 800 MHz statewide Michigan Public Safety Communication System. The funding would provide state, county and local law enforcement departments with true interoperable communication capabilities, which enhance public safety and service to the citizens of Northern Michigan and beyond. Communications in the Upper Peninsula, as it currently exists, is a fundamental weakness in the public safety network. This funding will also be used to procure mobile data computers and radio equipment to benefit the entire law enforcement community of the Upper Peninsula.

City of Utica 911 Technology Project
City of Utica – Utica, MI

We request \$100,000 for the City of Utica. The City of Utica is a small city with a large police jurisdiction to handle the 120,000 cars traveling through the M-59 corridor at any given time of the day or night. However, the current dispatch technology is not sufficient to meet the current demand. Technology is essential to assist the City of Utica's Police Department in managing the high volume of traffic accidents, retail fraud, and other major crime incidents that occur on a heavily traveled highway.

Wayne County Juvenile Mentoring Program
Wayne County – Detroit, MI

We request \$640,000 for the Wayne County Juvenile Mentoring Program to support staff salaries, mentor stipends, mentoring outreach and recruiting activities, program activities, and other specific assistance to youth. The Program provides interventions to youth exposed to high levels of risk in the family, home, community and social environments to a degree that may lead to educational failure, school truancy, substance abuse, gang activity or further involvement in juvenile delinquency. In FY2011, Wayne County will work with Young Men in Transition to implement a year-long series of programs which includes job readiness training, financial literacy workshops, and community service opportunities.

Wayne County Truancy Reduction Initiative
Wayne County – Detroit, MI

We request \$300,000 for the Wayne County Truancy Reduction Initiative to establish a school-based truancy intervention structure in the Highland Park School District to improve student attendance, academic performance, and parental involvement. The program combines early intervention, coordinated support services and graduated sanctions to deliver an integrated

approach to truancy prevention. Funding will support the placement of a social worker and resource officer in each school. The Wayne County Care Management Systems will then coordinate resources to provide a continuum of prevention services. Appropriate sanctions for truancy that are integrated with support services offer the greatest promise to produce change in youth by addressing underlying family and individual risk factors.

Wayne County, Michigan Radio Communications Interoperability
Wayne County – Detroit, MI

We request \$1,500,000 for Wayne County to upgrade a radio communications tower to provide interoperable radio communications to first responders. The project will 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. Wayne County and its local communities have independently implemented 800 MHz radio communications networks for public safety personnel. The proliferation of these networks, however, has decreased the level of interoperability and has often limited the effectiveness of mutual aid teams.

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Go Green Technology and Equipment
Wayne County – Detroit, MI

We request \$1,500,000 for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for the technology and equipment necessary to go green and convert to a paperless office, which will ultimately reduce costs and the environmental impact of disposing of hundreds of pounds of paper annually. It will also replace an outdated telephone system and provide attorneys with the computers, monitors, and digital recorders needed to properly present evidence in court and prepare cases on appeal. Additionally, it will provide shredders for documents required to be shredded under federal law. Finally, it will provide detectives with the vehicles necessary to effect arrests on the more than 3,000 in-house investigations they conduct annually.

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for Professional Development, Forensic Evidence Training Initiative
Wayne County – Detroit, MI

We request \$550,000 for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for Professional Development for the necessary professional development of all Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys. This funding will enable the staff to stay abreast of legal and scientific developments in many essential disciplines such as forensic pathology, DNA analysis, firearm and pattern evidence, ballistics, digital evidence, computer forensics, and ethics. Such training is critical to ensuring minimum competence in the development of practice skills and substantive knowledge, as well as to improve the quality of justice and service rendered by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Witness Protection Program
Wayne County – Detroit, MI

We request \$250,000 for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Witness Protection Program. This project would fund witness protection as well as expert fees for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. There were over 80,000 criminal cases in Wayne County in 2009. However, gang control of neighborhoods makes it difficult for prosecutors to compel witnesses to testify because they fear for their safety. Moreover, homicides, child abuse, sexual assaults, and financial crimes all regularly require expert testimony at trial. This project would provide dedicated funding for program costs associated with providing witness protection, transportation costs and lodging for out-of-state witnesses, as well as expert witness fees where necessary to successfully prosecute serious felony cases.

Westland Fire Department Thermal Imaging Cameras
Westland Fire Department – Westland, MI

We request \$700,000 for the Westland Fire Department to purchase six thermal imaging cameras with truck mounted chargers that will assist in locating victims and enhance safety. Public safety will be improved through the detection of impending dangers within a structure; five pulse CO-Oximeters to aid in the detection of carbon monoxide poisoning; a driving training and program simulator to help firefighters develop the skills needed to drive vehicles in any condition; and an arson trailer to address the growing problem of arson in Westland.

Westland Police Department, Technology and Equipment Upgrades PHASE II
Westland Police Department – Westland, MI

We request \$500,000 for the Westland Police Department to complete the upgrade of police vehicles with mobile data computers as well as video camera technology. In addition, funding is being sought to upgrade technology in 30 existing police vehicles and for much needed technology to enhance additional public safety capabilities to save lives. The use of high-technology equipment and applications is essential to the efficient practice of community policing and public safety.

University of Detroit Mercy, Cyber-Law Enforcement Training Initiative
University of Detroit Mercy – Detroit, MI

We request \$500,000 for the University of Detroit Mercy to address the growing threat of cybercrime and the lack of trained criminal investigators to fight the problem. The University of Detroit Mercy will use its uniquely qualified and nationally recognized software and information assurance program to develop and implement a training and practices solution to this threat. Certified as a National Security Agency Center of Excellence in the field, the University's team will identify the skill set needed to successfully prepare a competent cybercriminal investigator, and then package that knowledge into a comprehensive curriculum that can be disseminated nationwide to training and education organizations. The target audience for this project is federal, state, and local law enforcement professionals.

Eastern Michigan University, B Side Boot Camp: An Entrepreneurial Education Program for Youth Offenders

Eastern Michigan University – Ypsilanti, MI

We request \$300,000 for Eastern Michigan University, in partnership with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and the Washtenaw County Trial Court, to prevent first-time juvenile offenders in the Washtenaw County and greater Ypsilanti areas from becoming repeat offenders. This funding will help juvenile offenders by teaching business and professional skills, encouraging creative and intelligent risk taking, and instilling financial independence and community responsibility through entrepreneurial education and training. Criminal Activity has increased during this economic recession. Funding will be used to create a counselor position responsible for serving as a liaison between the trial court and the sheriff's office in identifying and recruiting youth offenders, assessing youth needs and priorities, and assisting staff in coordinating entrepreneurial education and training programs. Additionally, funds may be used to fund scholarships and microloans to establish youth-owned and youth-operated businesses, offer artistic and technological apprenticeships to youth in need of vocational training; and further develop youth-run businesses as a sustainable source of revenue for The B. Side Boot Camp.

Siena Heights University Returning Offender Training Initiative

Siena Heights University – Adrian, MI

We request \$678,000 for the Michigan Prison Re-entry Initiative (MPRI) to significantly reduce crime and enhance public safety by implementing a seamless system of services for offenders from the time of their entry to prison through their transition, community reintegration and aftercare in their communities. Currently, Siena Heights students are involved in service learning situations for ex-offenders with Catholic Social Services, which is supported with MPRI funds. The Siena Heights Returning Offender Training Initiative will further develop and implement an institutional and community corrections-based offender reentry program that will support ex-offenders acclimating back into society and prepare students for future jobs.

Wayne State University School of Social Work Prisoner Re-entry Program

Wayne State University – Detroit, MI

We request \$600,000 for the Wayne State University Prisoner Reentry Program to help ex-offenders through vocational, educational, mental health, substance abuse, and health and housing placement services. The Prisoner Re-entry Program is a comprehensive program to prevent ex-offenders from returning to a life of crime. Approximately 5,100 inmates return to Wayne County in any given year and 4,080 inmates return to the city of Detroit. The overall recidivism rate is down to 20% because the strategies and tactics used are based on proven evidence based practices.

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

We request \$1,000,000 for ACCESS Youth and Family Services Center to help to expand its Digital Connectors program, recreational programs, and assist in establishing a youth leadership academy. The center, which focuses on academic enrichment, family literacy, recreation and youth development, will address the needs of the growing youth population, now about 30% of Dearborn's Arab-Americans. Arab-American youth in the area have an urgent need for human services since a great number of families live below the poverty level. Located in the south end of Dearborn, the center is strategically placed to serve Arab American youth, as well as those in bordering Hispanic and African American communities.

**Agudath Israel of America - Project YES (Youth Enrichment Services)
Agudath Israel of America – Southfield, MI**

We request for \$150,000 for Agudath Israel of America for Project Y.E.S. This program will attempt to improve academic performance, school appreciation and social skills among at-risk students in grades 6 - 12, thereby preventing future scholastic failure, truancy, and delinquent behavior. Agudath Israel will achieve its goals by providing these children with adult mentors who will develop positive relationships with them while helping the students improve relationships with their parents. The program will interrupt the students' negative behavior patterns, enhance feelings of self worth, foster introspection and improve family relationships, thereby transforming them into productive, upstanding citizens who can contribute to the future of our country.

**Alternate Solutions
Destiny and Purpose Community Outreach – Detroit, MI**

We request \$100,000 for Alternate Solutions, a program designed to support returning citizens from jail or prison. Through the support services offered and collaborative strategies, the program will address the challenges posed by offender reentry and recidivism. The age population catered to are at-risk returning citizens between 15-35, male and female in Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Ongoing class instruction, transitional services, the development of an adult mentor base and additional family support services will assist in the reintegration of offenders into the community. Research justifies that mentoring of offenders can be a significant element of a successful re-entry strategy.

**Bay County Neighborhood Resource Center
Bay County Neighborhood Resource Center – Bay City, MI**

We request \$200,000 for the Bay County Neighborhood Resource Center to provide substance abuse prevention services to Bay County residents, adults, and youth. The Bay County Neighborhood Resource Center has provided substance abuse prevention services to youth and their families since 1995. The staff conducts prevention and early intervention programs from the site and throughout the community, which includes intensive educational programs, youth presentations, summer recreation programs, youth community awareness activities, first time

juvenile offenders program for substance abuse, parenting workshops, community forums, juvenile home programming and teen support groups.

**Child Abuse Prevention Programs in Southeast Michigan
Childhelp of Southeast Michigan - Southfield, MI**

We request \$500,000 for Childhelp of Southeast Michigan for their child abuse prevention programs in southeast Michigan. This funding would allow Childhelp to establish and expand specialized psychological services for victims of child abuse. Childhelp currently provides foster family recruitment, training and certification, family and individual counseling, case management, and 24-hour support and crisis intervention to children throughout Michigan.

**Children and Family Community Reintegration Program
The Manor - Village of 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 who cannot travel due to financial hardship.

**Detroit Zoological Society At-Risk Children Education Program
Detroit Zoological Society – Detroit, MI**

We request \$250,000 for the Detroit Zoological Society to enhance and expand its At-Risk Children Education Program to serve an additional 6,000 at-risk students in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The program focuses on third grade, at-risk students from low performing districts who would not otherwise have the means to participate in the Zoo's education programs. The capacity of the current program will be greatly enlarged and its classroom impact enhanced to include curriculum-specific lessons plans for science, social studies, mathematics and English language arts and professional development for educators. Funds will be used for curriculum development, teacher orientation, educator tool kit, program staff support, and student programming. Funds also will be used to develop assessment tools to measure the program's success in improving student test scores.

**Downriver Mutual Aid System Preparedness V
Downriver Community Conference - Wayne County, MI**

We request \$9,175,000 for the Downriver Community Conference for equipment upgrades for the Downriver Mutual Aid System Preparedness V. 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.

Focus:HOPE Youth Safety Initiative
Focus:HOPE – Detroit, MI

We request \$200,000 for the Focus: HOPE Youth Safety Initiative to address truancy, build strong values in the youth, and teach safety skills and leadership. The initiative will help to develop teenagers who are committed to the goals of the safety initiative in the communities around Focus: HOPE. Safety Stations will be installed and/or expanded in two local high schools, where youth obtain safety training and become “peer prevention specialists” serving as mentors in local middle and elementary schools and advising younger peers about how to deal with conflict, how to respond to criminal activity if observed, and how to contribute to society in positive ways. Youth workshops will provide positive alternatives to using and selling drugs. Workshops will be provided to parents to increase their capacity to raise productive and violence-free youth.

The Friendship Circle: Self-Determination Anti-Bullying in LifeTown (SAIL) Project
The Friendship Circle – West Bloomfield, MI

We request \$520,000 The Friendship Circle: Self-Determination Anti-Bullying in LifeTown (SAIL) Project. This Project provides a focused learning opportunity for special needs students. Funding will help further develop and implement Steps to Self-Determination curriculum, an anti-bullying intervention program, and reliable and valid instruments to assess increased life skills, self-determination strategies and anti-bullying techniques for 3,000 students representing 70 existing special education classes in Michigan.

Lutheran Social Services’ Neighborhood House After School Tutoring and Summer Program
Lutheran Social Services – Detroit, MI

We request \$450,000 for the Lutheran Social Services' Neighborhood House, a community center in south Saginaw, for its after school and summer programs. Funds will be used to grow and enhance the after school and summer programs at Neighborhood House. The program addresses the unconstructive behaviors of youth in the community by assisting them to develop protective assets and overcome obstacles to a healthy, productive future. Specifically, it would allow the program to hire more staff, bring four part time staff to full time, and hire a volunteer/resource coordinator.

Michigan Security Network: Michigan Central Depot Law Enforcement Center Master Plan
Michigan Security Network – Royal Oak, MI

We request \$700,000 for the Michigan Security Network to develop a comprehensive review plan for the co-location of federal, state and local law enforcement assets in the historic Michigan Central Depot in downtown Detroit. The Michigan Security Network is a nonprofit organization that serves as a platform to accelerate technology development, investment and job growth for the state in the fast-growing homeland security sector.

Narcotics Conspiracy Enforcement
Wayne County Sheriff's Office - Wayne County, MI

We request \$2,500,000 for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office for Narcotics Conspiracy Enforcement. This funding will provide a two pronged approach to narcotics enforcement in Wayne County. First, it will address the lower level drug dealers who sell on the streets or in drug houses within the County. This enforcement group will seek out violent criminals and gang members associated with narcotics trafficking. Second, as the smaller dealers are caught, the enforcement team will work to gather intelligence to seek larger dealers. It is believed that the international border with Canada is a major thoroughfare for narcotics both into and out of the United States.

NMPSC Interoperability Project
Roscommon County - Roscommon County, MI

We request \$238,745 for Roscommon County for the NMPSC Interoperability Project. This funding will be used to create a public safety data sharing system. The Project will provide access to local data repositories in addition to Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) or National Crime Information Center (NCIC) access from the patrol car. The project will enhance the efficiency of multi-agency responses and it will save lives by quickly disseminating critical information.

Problem Oriented Policing/ Nuisance Abatement Project
Wayne County Sheriff's Office - Wayne County, MI

We request \$1,000,000 for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office for the Problem Oriented Policing and Nuisance Abatement Project. This funding will be used to hire new officers as well as purchase handheld LEIN devices, prep radios, rental space and community outreach materials. This project will place the Sheriff's Office teams in targeted areas, where they will respond to any nuisance calls such as drug dealing, prostitution, abandoned homes, and any other illegal activities.

Redemption 1
Shalom Way For Excellence - Highland Park, MI

We request \$500,000 for Shalom Way for Excellence for the Redemption 1 Program. This funding will finance programs that will offer college preparation, automotive repair, and the building trades instruction to former prisoners reentering society. This project will offer education and social restructuring providing alternatives and healthy choices which will decrease the need to resort to crime.

**Starr Commonwealth's At-Risk Youth Program Technology Improvements
Starr Commonwealth – Albion, MI**

We request \$965,000 for Starr Commonwealth's At-Risk Youth Program Technology Improvements. Funding will be used to expand and improve technological resources to support programs for at-risk and delinquent youth participating in programs at Starr's Albion Campus. The use of technology is a critical tool in helping at-risk youth develop the cognitive skills and positive attitudes necessary to function successfully in an increasingly technological society. Computers, software, and assistive learning technologies will help Starr instill at-risk youth with the skills and self-esteem necessary to become positive members of the community.

**United Way Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program
United Way for Southeastern Michigan – Detroit, MI**

We request \$1,450,000 for the United Way Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program. Dropping out of high school is strongly associated with juvenile delinquency. High school dropouts are eight times more likely to end up in jail or prison than graduates. This program brings community resources together with proven school turnaround models to reduce dropout rates by transforming large, failing high schools in Southeast Michigan into smaller, personalized learning environments. Funding is needed to support United Way's Phase I turnaround work with five initial high schools across Southeastern Michigan to increase graduation rates from below 60% to above 80% over five years. After one year, significant improvements in attendance and attitudes towards graduation have already been documented in these participating schools.

**Empowerment Initiative for At-Risk Youth and Women
YWCA of Bay County – Bay City, MI**

We request \$750,000 for the YWCA of Bay County for the Empowerment Initiative for At-Risk Youth and Women. By expanding an existing Family Enrichment Program, the YWCA Bay County will assist women and girls with the resources they need for a pathway to economic self sufficiency. This project will provide job skills training, education, case management, legal and financial resources, transportation and other support services to improve the economic self sufficiency of at-risk women. It will also provide education, mentoring and guidance for at-risk girls in the community to break the cycle of poverty and domestic violence. Funding will support case management for women and outreach for girls through a full technology center for women, to include a resource library, conference rooms, clothing resource area, childcare area and an administrative office; and racial justice outreach to high school youth and anti-violence program focusing on school bullying.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION:**

**History on the Move - Archive Improvements
Marquette County Historical Society - Marquette, MI**

We request \$120,749 for the Marquette County Historical Society for the History on the Move - Archive Improvements. This funding will be used specifically for high-density shelving, protective photograph sleeves, acid-free storage boxes, and digitization. These storage improvements will improve the state of the collection and preserve local, state and nationally significant documents, maps and photographs. Requested funding will also be used to hire an assistant research librarian who will help to move, re-catalogue, and store the collection.

**Macomb Center for International Security Innovation
Macomb County Dept of Planning & Economic Development - Macomb County, MI**

We request \$300,000 for the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development for the Macomb Center for International Security Innovation. This funding will be used to create a national asset that pools together the resources of small businesses interested in competing for foreign military sales by creating a clearinghouse of upcoming opportunities, technical assistance, and a networking hub to connect U.S. small businesses with potential partners abroad and increase their competitiveness. This resource, the Macomb Center for International Security Innovation, will provide these services and will become a self funded entity supported by member dues and service fees.

**RePurpose Michigan
RePurpose Michigan, LLC - Statewide**

We request \$240,000 for RePurpose Michigan, LLC. This funding will be used to create two programs that are aimed at helping small businesses across the state of Michigan. The first is an online sourcebook of small businesses providing services for new product and service development. The sourcebook will connect entrepreneurs and small businesses with idle capacity for the purpose of promoting commerce. The second is a conference and seminar to promote awareness of small business services in Michigan and highlight businesses that have successfully diversified from their traditional automotive customer base to reach new markets. The conference will promote small business services and the seminar will educate small business owners on best practices, marketing tools, and industry requirements.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION:

**Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium Renovation Project
Public Museum of West Michigan - Grand Rapids, MI**

We request \$800,000 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.

**Center for Advanced Construction Technologies
Ferris State University – Big Rapids, MI**

We request \$1,400,000 to fund equipment upgrades for the existing testing facility at the Center for Advanced Construction Technologies at Ferris State University. This funding would provide Ferris State with the latest technology in digital radiography and digital interpreting equipment. These upgrades would also strengthen the Center’s American Welding Society certified test facility and facilitate access to and development of technology that can be used for future testing of welding in connection with the building of bridges, power plants, piping systems, and transportation systems.

NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

**Understanding the Impact of Multiple Stressors on Great Lake Coastal Wetlands
Central Michigan University - Charlevoix County, MI**

We request \$750,000 for Central Michigan University (CMU) for understanding the impact of multiple stressors on Great Lake coastal wetlands. This funding will allow CMU to build a series of experimental tanks at CMU Biological Station and to conduct controlled experiments on the effect of multivariate changes in environmental factors on wetland ecosystems. The tanks will be used by CMU faculty and visiting scientists to address some of the most critical questions related to the effect of environmental change on Great Lakes ecology and fisheries. This research will provide policy makers and resource managers with invaluable information to better manage and protect critical wetland habitats and the integrity of the Great Lakes.

**Interactive Inquiry Based Science Education in the Detroit River International Wildlife
Refuge Gateway
Eastern Michigan University – Ypsilanti, MI**

We request \$750,000 for Eastern Michigan University for the Interactive Inquiry Based Science Education in the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Gateway. This funding would create an interactive program that would provide data on natural habitats, wildlife species and the environment to visitors to the Wildlife Gateway. The project will also allow the visitors to view progress of invasive species management programs in the Great Lakes and their tributaries.

**Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Monitoring, Research, Educational and
Telepresence Infrastructure Development
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary - Alpena, MI**

We request \$1,000,000 for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary to purchase “ship to shore” video equipment, data transmission devices, and weather data gathering devices to enhance NOAA’s and other partners’ abilities to observe, protect, and manage the Great Lakes

through a better understanding of the physical, chemical, and biological processes that affect sanctuary resources. Also, the funding would allow the Sanctuary to increase its telepresence infrastructure and expand education opportunities. The data that could be obtained from this equipment would allow the Sanctuary to help address questions about regional issues such as habitat degradation, water level changes, and invasive species impacts.

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center Lease Buy Down

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary - Alpena, MI

We request \$2,000,000 for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in order to pre-pay the lease to GSA for the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center (GLMHC). When the GLMHC was constructed, NOAA used funds to pre-pay much of the lease for the first five years. The result was a lease of \$150,000 per year for the first five years. That rate will escalate to \$465,000 in Fiscal Year. As a result of this increased lease cost, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary will not be able to focus on other important efforts at the Sanctuary.

**Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail-\$2,000,000
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary-Alpena, MI**

We request \$2,000,000 for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary for the continuation of the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail. This funding would provide new exhibits, fact shacks, gateways to the trail, signage, outdoor interpretive centers and markers and podcasts to expand the Trail along Northeast Michigan's Lake Huron shoreline. The Sanctuary will work with its state and local partners. The trail promotes and interprets Northeast Michigan's rich maritime heritage. By providing innovative interpretation that enhances individual experiences while accessing maritime resources, the trail fosters an appreciation for the Great Lakes and their rich history. The sanctuary has established segments of the trail along the Thunder Bay River in Alpena.

Acme Township Shoreline Preservation Initiative

Acme Township – Acme, MI

We request \$3,000,000 to assist with the purchase of 10.05 acres, which includes over 1,300 feet of shoreline on Grand Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan from willing sellers. The property would be used to expand a public waterfront park and redevelop a marina, enhancing public access to water, improving viewsheds, providing non-motorized trail connections and other public recreation, spurring economic development, and improving the quality of life for residents. This expanded public park is a vision of the community's residents and businesses as documented in the community's Master Plan.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

**State of Michigan ICT Network Communications Tool
Office of the Governor - Lansing MI**

We request \$500,000 for the State of Michigan Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Network Communications Tool. This project would develop a communications platform to connect ICT industry firms, community colleges, training programs, government agencies and universities in support of the growing ICT sector. ICT has been determined a sector with high growth potential. This secure platform will provide a forum to connect ICT businesses with the workforce. This project is in partnership with Michigan State University and will be a pilot for eventual integration with all government agencies.

Economic Development Index Formulation to Support the Project on National Security Reform Walsh College, Troy, MI

We request \$2,000,000 for Walsh College for the Project on National Security Reform which studies all elements of national power including the economic component, perhaps the least understood. This study will develop an Index of Economic Development Health for community use at the city, county, state or national level. The index will be based on the major sectors that make up the U.S. economy that communities can use to measure themselves against. Healthy economies are comprised of several sectors simultaneously, when communities become dependent on one sector, their economic robustness is put at risk. The more sectors present in a community, the more robust that economy will be. The Index will assist communities in determining what sectors to recruit.

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 2011 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 Doug Messana of Senator Stabenow's staff at 202-224-4822.

Sincerely,


Senator Debbie Stabenow


Senator Carl Levin