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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
144 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairman, and Ranking Member,

As your subcommittee begins to draft its appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011, we respectfully request you update our request for YWCA Bay County. YWCA Bay County is expanding its role in Michigan and is in the process of legally changing its name to the YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region. The following is our updated request for your consideration.

Empowerment Initiative for At-Risk Youth and Women YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region – Bay City, MI

We request \$750,000 for the YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region for the Empowerment Initiative for At-Risk Youth and Women. By expanding an existing Family Enrichment Program, YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region 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.

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

Sincerely,


Senator Debbie Stabenow


Senator Carl Levin