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The Honorable Dave Obey
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
2358 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Obey:

I want to make it very clear that I believe our current earmark process, while improved, remains largely dysfunctional. Despite an imperfect system, however, I think it's important to fight for my district and my City.

As an advocate for my constituents, I have submitted a list of projects that aspires to meet the important needs of my district. Many of these projects would likely have been overlooked by Executive Branch agencies that simply do not have a connection with the neighborhoods of my district or a focus on the challenges my constituents face.

Unfortunately, Member offices don't have the resources to examine every organization and program as thoroughly as we would prefer. My staff and I have reviewed all of the applications that have been submitted and we believe this collection of projects can help deliver essential services to the people of our district and our City. I commend the Committee for instituting a policy that my office adhered to last year to only consider requests from non-profit organizations. In addition to our efforts, I hope your staff will perform a more thorough review to ensure that taxpayer money is used responsibly and wisely to improve our communities and neighborhoods.

Should you have any questions about the attached list, or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact me. It's important that all projects meet the highest standards, and if you think they don't, please let me know.

Sincerely,



ANTHONY D. WEINER
Member of Congress

Name of Organization	Address	Justification	Amount
Bergen Beach Youth Organization Incorporated	2335 Bergen Avenue, Brooklyn, New York	To support ongoing sports programs in over 50 schools in Brooklyn, Queens, and the Rockaways.	\$250,000
Forest Hills Gardens Corporation	2 Tennis Place, Queens, New York	To explore options for combating noise generated by the Long Island Railroad in Queens.	\$1,000,000
Gateway National Recreation Area	210 New York Avenue, Staten Island, New York	To acquire and construct lighting towers to allow for night games at baseball and softball fields.	\$1,000,000
Gateway National Recreation Area	210 New York Avenue, Staten Island, New York	To explore the extent of the damage to Canarsie Pier in anticipation of repairs.	\$344,000
Gateway National Recreation Area	210 New York Avenue, Staten Island, New York	To rehabilitate Jacob Riis Boardwalk and supporting features.	\$6,794,174
Kingsborough Community College	2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, New York	To support a cost-free immigration legal information center.	\$250,000
Kleinman Family Holocaust Education Center	1302 50 th Street, Level 3, Brooklyn, New York	To assist in the design and operations of a museum to commemorate the peoples affected by the Holocaust.	\$1,118,200
Millennium Development Corporation	2303 Bergen Avenue, Brooklyn, New York	To operate three senior service sites within the Brooklyn, Queens, and the Rockaways.	\$250,000
New York City Coalition Against Hunger	16 Beaver Street, New York, New York	To assist food pantries in moving to a client-choice style pantry through shelving renovations and installing check-out spaces, as well as creating a secluded space for conducting food stamp outreach and applications.	\$230,000
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets	10B Airline Drive, Albany, New York	To eradicate the Asian Long-horned Beetle in New York City.	\$ 13,400,000

Ohel Children's Home and Family Services	4510 16th Avenue, New York, New York	To enhance the social and emotional functioning of children, adolescents, and adults who are at-risk or victims of abuse.	\$710,000
Ohel Children's Home and Family Services	4510 16th Avenue, New York, New York	To support specialized services including prevention, intervention, and treatment to children and adolescents who have been abused and neglected.	\$585,000
Project Intercept, Inc.	1757 East 23rd Street, Brooklyn, New York	To provide mentoring services for at-risk youth.	\$250,000
Prospect Park Alliance	95 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, New York	To provide for technical correction of a previously funded project.	
Queens College, The City University of New York	65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Queens, New York	To assist students, faculty, and community entrepreneurs interested in small business.	\$190,000
Queens College, The City University of New York	65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Queens, New York	To build a digital image of the campus to assist law enforcement personnel responding to incidents.	\$350,000
Queens College, The City University of New York	65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Queens, New York	To organize focus groups and a campus-wide survey at of identifying the most common barriers of public transportation commuting.	\$260,000
State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry	1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, New York	To continue previously funded research Asian Long-horned Beetle research efforts.	\$1,000,000
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	26 Federal Plaza, Room 2109, New York, New York	To initiate a study to preserve Plumb Beach.	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	26 Federal Plaza, Room 2109, New York, New York	To complete a study on preserving the Jamaica Bay ecosystem	\$1,000,000