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Isakson Fiscal Year 2013 Federal Requests

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., today announced the fiscal year 2013 requests for Georgia projects or programs that he has submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Isakson believes increased transparency and disclosure are essential to the process.

Requests are listed in alphabetical order. This list will be updated as Isakson submits additional requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE:

Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, letter of support Click here to read Sen. Isakson's letter to the Committee

National Science Foundation, letter of support Click here to read Sen. Isakson's letter to the Committee

ENERGY AND WATER:

Energy and Water Development, bill language request

Bill Language Request: Sec._. Notwithstanding section 902 of the *Water Resources Development Act of 1986,* as amended (33 U.S.C. 2280), the Secretary is authorized to initiate construction of a project that is projected to exceed the maximum total cost for such project, except that no funds may be obligated for the project in excess of that maximum total cost.

Nuclear Modernization, letter of support Click here to read Sen. Isakson's letter to the Committee

FOREIGN OPS:

Global Health Programs account of the Bilateral Economic Assistance title, language request

Collaborative Research Support Programs - The Committee supports the CRSP programs and recognizes the value of CRSP research. For example, the Peanut CRSP has provided major benefits to both the US peanut industry and to global health by: a) researching the nutritional benefits of peanuts; b) helping to produce more effective RUTFs (Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods) to save the lives of malnourished children; and c) discovering the role of mycotoxins in exacerbating HIV, TB and maternal and infant health.

Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. The Committee notes that one newborn child dies every nine minutes from maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). Tetanus in newborn children is easily prevented by a low cost vaccine for women of childbearing age. Kiwanis International has joined forces with UNICEF to provide funding to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. The Eliminate Project will target some of the poorest, most underserved women and children in the world and lead the way for other interventions that will boost maternal health and child survival. The Committee endorses this private and public sector project and urges the U.S. Agency for International Development to support efforts to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

State Department Diplomatic and Consular Programs Account, report language request

Consistent with language in the Conference Report accompanying the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012* (P.L. 112-74) and the *Libyan Claims Resolution Act* (P.L. 110-301), the Committee directs the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, not to unblock assets belonging to former Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi and his family that were blocked by the U.S. government pursuant to Executive Order 13566 (dated February 25, 2011), until the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission has completed its work in certifying awards under the Libya Claims Program and it has been determined that there are sufficient funds to pay all certified awards. The Committee directs the Secretary of Treasury, within 30 days of enactment, to provide a report to the Committee on the amount of Qadhafi family assets that remain blocked, the amount of settlement funding available to pay Libya-related awards, and the amount of certified awards.

HOMELAND SECURITY:

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, report language request

Report Language Request: Pursuant to Public Law 106-246, any training to be conducted at any new or existing training center established under this Act shall be configured in a manner so as not to duplicate or displace any Federal law enforcement program of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Training currently being conducted at a FLETC facility shall not be moved.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION:

Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Professions, report language request

The Committee recognizes that the Centers of Excellence (COE) program provides core funding to institutions that are committed to increasing the diversity in the health professions, particularly the Historically Black health professions schools. Long-time COEs Morehouse School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, and Howard University are ranked nationally #1, #2, and #3 in the country among all medical schools for their graduates practicing primary care in medically underserved communities as a direct result of COE enrichment.

Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Professions, report language request

The Committee strongly supports the goals of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), which include increasing the number of individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds entering and graduating from health professions programs in order to increase diversity in the health professions workforce affecting improved access to health care. This program takes many shapes throughout the country, including K through 12th grades, baccalaureate, and post-baccalaureate programs. The Committee further notes the need for HCOP, considering that African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans (together) make up 25 percent of the U.S. population, but only 6 percent of practicing doctors come from these groups.

National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, report language request

The Committee commends the National Cancer Institute for its National Lung Cancer Screening Trial and urges NCI and partner agencies to move forward in translating these findings into public health recommendations. The Committee is particularly interested in learning more about the benefits of screening among other high risk including women, African-American men and those with other co-morbidities such as COPD.

National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, report language request

The Committee urges the NCI to fund basic, translational, and clinical research on cancer disparities in underserved populations in the Southeastern United States. Specifically, the committee urges further research in the areas of cancer control relevant to smoking, obesity, and human papilloma virus.

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, letter of support

Click here to read Sen. Isakson's letter to the Committee

Historically Black Colleges and Universities' Capital Financing Program, letter of support Click here to read Sen. Isakson's letter to the Committee

Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities' Program, letter of support Click here to read Sen. Isakson's letter to the Committee

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TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

Community and Development Block Grant Program, letter of support Click here to read Sen. Isakson's letter to the Committee.

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