

United States Senate

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Klein,

Congress spent more than \$18 billion on earmarked projects in the current fiscal year. Many of these are new projects but this number also includes "continuing earmarks," that is Congressional spending initiatives that receive funding over a period of years.

Please provide the following information regarding your agency's/department's annual appropriations:

- 1) A list of all "continuing earmarks," defined as earmarks funded in at least three of the last five fiscal years, including FY 2008;
- 2) The name and location of the recipient of each of the "continuing earmarks" identified;
- 3) The total dollar amount spent to date and by fiscal year for each of the continuing earmarks identified;
- 4) A summary of the specific objectives and goals that are expected to be achieved for each continuing earmarks identified;
- 5) A list of notable accomplishments, if there are any, that can be directly attributed to each of the continuing earmarks;
- 6) A list of any grant programs within your agency/departments that provide federal assistance for purposes similar to the activities being funded for each of the continuing earmarks;
- 7) A determination as to whether or not the recipient of each of the continuing earmarks applied for any of the available grants.

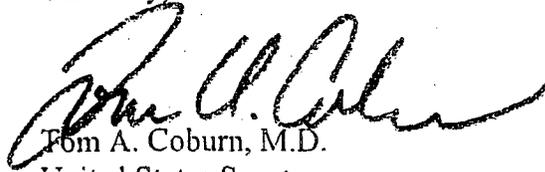
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Thank you for your assistance with this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Drew Berky of my staff at (202) 225-5754 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom A. Coburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "C".

Tom A. Coburn, M.D.
United States Senator