

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman André Carson announced that he has secured \$300,000 in federal funding for Liberty Hall II. This \$300,000 allotment for Liberty Hall II was secured in the FY 2009 House Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations bill.

The funding for Liberty Hall II in the FY 2009 House Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations bill will be dedicated to expanding the female prisoner re-entry programs (Liberty Hall) and to planning and constructing a facility for the male prisoner re-entry program (Liberty Hall II). Additionally, Liberty Hall II will add an intensive employment preparation curriculum to its programs designed to help ex-offenders find stable positions immediately upon release.

“As a former law enforcement official, I know that without resources or programs to assist in ex-offenders’ re-entry into society, such individuals will too often return to a life of crime,” Congressman Carson said. “Liberty Hall II will build on the successes of the original Liberty Hall in reducing crime and jail overcrowding caused by repeat offenders.”

The House Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2009 House Commerce, Justice and Science bill on June 25, 2008. The bill will first go to a Conference Committee and then must be approved by both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and signed by the President before being enacted and becoming law.