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Dear Friend,

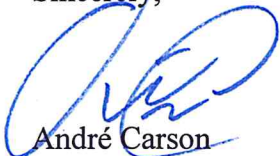
Each year, the United States Congress has a constitutional obligation to debate and pass several pieces of legislation, known as appropriations bills, which fund the operations of the federal government and maintain services for the American public. These bills fund every aspect of our government, ranging from our military to student loan programs to disease research and prevention.

As we begin the Fiscal Year 2018 funding cycle, I have an opportunity to submit “programmatic requests” on behalf of local organizations that want to impact the overall funding levels of important national programs. For example, I can submit a request on behalf of a local fire department to increase funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in order to improve the department’s chances of receiving a grant in the future.

While earmarks, or funding for specific projects, are not permissible in the House of Representatives, I believe that submitting programmatic requests is an important part of my responsibility to bring tax dollars back to the Seventh Congressional District. These dollars are funding critical afterschool activities, job training programs, police and fire departments, and countless other community focused organizations and initiatives. I will seriously consider all requests I receive.

For more information on this process, please see the attached instructions and submission form or contact Nathan Bennett at (202) 225-4011 or [nathan.bennett@mail.house.gov](mailto:nathan.bennett@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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