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The Honorable Daniel Inouye
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
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The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services and Education
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member

Dear Chairman Inouye, Senator Cochran, and Senator Harkin:

As you initiate your efforts to draft the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill for fiscal year 2010, I respectfully request your consideration of the following projects. I make these requests jointly with my colleague, Senator Mark R. Warner, who is conveying these requests under separate cover.

These requests are submitted in accordance with the proper constitutional role that Congress performs in the federal appropriations process. I examined these projects for the Commonwealth of Virginia based on two principles: first, they must represent a wise and prudent investment of tax dollars; second, requests for such projects are considered in an open, transparent manner.

In formulating this submission, my staff has gone to extraordinary lengths to screen all requests carefully to validate their merits. This process included face-to-face meetings in nearly all cases to assess and evaluate the projects of requesting entities.

Virginia Labor Request

William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic
Williamsburg, Virginia
\$350,000
Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration

Funds will be used for William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic to provide veteran military service members with information about and assistance in pursuing service-

related disability compensation benefits to which they are entitled, as well as psychological diagnoses and treatment where appropriate.

Virginia Education Requests

Darden/Curry Partnership for Leaders in Education - The University of Virginia School Turnaround Specialist Program

Charlottesville, Virginia

\$250,000

Department of Education – Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Funds will be used to implement a school turnaround specialist program in Southwest Virginia that is designed to enable school leaders to improve chronically low-performing schools. Each school turnaround team is comprised of 7 members including the turnaround specialist principal, a 3-person district support team and a 3-person school leadership team.

Southside Virginia Education Center Phase III

Greensville County, Virginia

Amount: \$400,000

Department of Education – Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Funds will be used to complete the construction of the Southside Virginia Education Center, building additional classrooms, a research and development lab, an automotive lab, and an industrial arts lab. The Center will provide skills development for unemployed and under-employed low- to moderate-income workers in Greensville County.

Virginia State University Nursing Program Expansion

Petersburg, Virginia

\$350,000

Department of Education – Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Funds will be used to upgrade classrooms and laboratories as part of the expansion of Virginia State University's nursing program. The State Council for Higher Education has found that the state's existing nursing schools do not have the capacity to admit and educate more students. The program will increase the supply of nurses within the region.

City of Richmond Franklin Military Academy Middle School Program

Richmond, Virginia

\$250,000

Department of Education – Fund for the Improvement of Education

Funds will be used for instructor salaries, uniforms, and instructional materials for a Middle School Cadet Corps program to encourage academic excellence, foster good citizenship, and develop the next generation of leaders among at-risk youth. The Middle School Cadet Corps will be housed within Franklin Military Academy and provide a lower student teacher ratio and a highly structured learning environment, helping students learn discipline and productive life skills.

Robert Russa Moton Museum - Moton 2011: the Permanent Exhibition
Farmville, Virginia
\$500,000
Department of Education - Institute of Museum and Library Services

Funds will be used to install a series of compelling museum exhibition galleries within the former Robert Russa Moton School. A 1951 student strike at the former R. R. Moton High School, now a National Historic Landmark, in Farmville, Virginia led to the only student-initiated case in the 1954 decision *Brown v. Board*. In 1959 Prince Edward County, Virginia closed their public schools to resist integration and remained closed until 1964.

Virginia Health Requests

Chesterfield County Community Corrections Dual Treatment Track
Chesterfield County, Virginia
\$143,000
Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration

Funds will be used for a pretrial diversion program for non-violent defendants that suffer from both a mental illness and substance abuse addiction. The program relies on mental health, case management, substance abuse, and criminal justice supervision through collaborative multi-agency staff. Violators are remanded to jail on a predetermined jail-based sanctioning system.

Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) - Chesapeake Health Center
Chesapeake, Virginia
\$500,000
Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration

Funds will be used for construction of a multi-specialty children's health center to replace CHKD's current facility, the in-patient and outpatient services for which are operating beyond capacity. The new Chesapeake CHKD Health Center will provide primary care pediatric services, as well as ongoing and specialized care from surgeons, doctors, therapists, and medical specialists for cancer, diabetes, asthma, developmental delays, speech challenges, complications of prematurity, and heart conditions.

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. - Onley Community Health Center
Nassawadox, Virginia
\$400,000
Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration

Funds will be used for the expansion of the Onley Community Health Center on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The current facilities do not have adequate capacity to meet the pressing health needs in the area. Funds will support construction of the new facility with 36 exam rooms.

**Eastern Virginia Medical School National Center for Medical Modeling & Simulation
Norfolk, Virginia
\$300,000
Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services
Administration**

Funds will be used for a new medical modeling and simulation facility at Eastern Virginia Medical School. The facility will provide the Hampton Roads region with expanded and advanced training opportunities for first responders, including paramedics and EMTs, as well as to develop the school's research capacity.

**Ferrum College – Ferrum Community Health Center
Ferrum, Virginia
\$375,000
Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services
Administration**

Funds will be used to construct a new community health center adjacent to Ferrum College, replacing the existing clinic which has exceeded its capacity. The health center will serve the residents of Franklin County and surrounding communities, as well as Ferrum College.

**The Healing Place Recovery Program
Richmond, Virginia
Amount: \$150,000
Department of Health and Human Services – Center for Mental Health Services**

Funds will be used for the provision of additional services at the Healing Place, a long-term recovery program that provides shelter, meals, and a recovery program for homeless men with addiction and substance abuse problems. The additional services will teach basic life skills and provide job readiness training as well as job retention and leadership development skills.

**Memorial Child Guidance Clinic – Trauma Response
Richmond, Virginia
\$50,000
Department of Health and Human Services – Center for Mental Health Services**

Funds will be used for a program of social and mental health services provided to children following incidents of violent crime and other traumatic events. Program beneficiaries are principally children from low-income families in high crime areas. Responding to children's needs in the immediate aftermath of violent events can help prevent, or decrease the severity of, future mental health and behavioral problems.

**Arlington County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Crisis Intervention
and Diversion Program
Arlington, Virginia
\$250,000
Department of Health and Human Services - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment**

Funds will be used to support the services offered by the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Crisis Center, which coordinates the efforts of the judiciary, prosecution, defense bar, probation, law enforcement, behavioral healthcare system, social service system, and treatment communities to intervene and break the cycle of incarceration related to mental health issues, substance abuse, addiction, and crime. The program creates a "one-stop shop" for persons whose mental health and substance abuse problems are being overlooked or inadequately addressed.

Virginia Affiliate of the National Society to Prevent Blindness VA - Statewide Certified Children's Vision Screening

Chesterfield, Virginia

\$250,000

Department of Health and Human Services – Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Funds will be used for certified children's vision screening across the Commonwealth to fulfill the requirements of a Virginia law requiring vision screenings for children in public schools. The program screens 360,000 children statewide. Funds will go to certifying and training schools nurses in vision screening and equipping schools with screening supplies.

Patient Advocate Foundation - Virginia Cares Uninsured Program

Newport News, Virginia

\$200,000

Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Funds will be used for a patient assistance program that assists Virginia's uninsured and under-insured population with chronic, life-threatening, or debilitating diseases to gain access to health care services, negotiate access to care, and obtain supplemental insurance and assistance.

Program Request

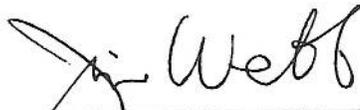
Department of Education - Higher Education Act of 1965

The Higher Education Act of 1965, through grants for the Improved Workplace and Community Transition Training for Incarcerated Individuals program, is a critical source of funds to state correctional education agencies to assist and encourage incarcerated offenders to acquire functional literacy, life, and job skills through the pursuit of postsecondary education certificates, associate of arts degrees, and bachelor's degrees. These grants also make possible employment counseling and other related services that start during incarceration and continue through prerelease and while on parole. Therefore, I respectfully request that the Committee provide appropriate funding for the Higher Education Act to ensure that funds are available for training and education of incarcerated offenders to reduce recidivism and improve safety in our communities.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that neither I, nor my immediate family, has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressional directed spending items requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

I appreciate your consideration of these important initiatives and look forward to working closely with you on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding these requests please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Webb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jim Webb
United States Senator