

Alexander promises to continue pursuit of project earmarks

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U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander promised Monday to continue working to get earmarks for major infrastructure projects across the region despite some moves in Washington to end them.

Although requests have come from some members of Congress and the president not to fund earmarks, Alexander, R-Quitman, said he will continue to put in funding requests for critical regional projects such as a new Monroe Regional Airport terminal and the Greater Ouachita Port.

While speaking to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce during a congressional update luncheon, Alexander said if taxpayers in his 5th congressional district pay taxes, he would work to bring that money back to the district in the form of earmarks.

"It's my job to get as much into the local economy as I can," Alexander said. "We have the right to have that money."



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U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander explains some of the issues that have occurred throughout the current legislative session during a Monroe Chamber of Commerce update luncheon on Monday, March 17.