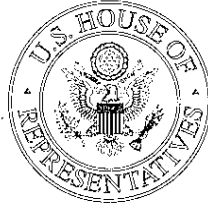


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The Honorable Bill Young  
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The Honorable John Murtha  
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense  
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Dear Chairman Young and Ranking Member Murtha,

I am respectfully requesting funding for four projects that will provide important benefits for the Houston region in the FY2007 Defense Appropriations bill.

My number one priority is \$14.5 million from the Army Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation account (PE 0603002A, line 31) for the Alliance for NanoHealth (ANH). The Alliance for NanoHealth represents my highest priority among all projects in the appropriations process. I believe this collaboration between the University of Houston, the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Rice University, Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Galveston, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston will develop into the world's leading center for nanobiology and nanomedicine. The ANH is requesting funding for specific military needs such as drug delivery vectors for battlefield situations, bio-sensor arrays for rapid and sensitive detection of biological agents of military importance, and novel wound coatings for fast wound healing and protection.

My second priority is \$5 million from the Air Force Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation account (PE 0602102F, line 2) for the Rice University Armchair Quantum Wire Program. This project's goal is to develop Quantum Wire and multi-functional materials based on Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes (SWNT) while improving SWNT production and processing technology, in collaboration with the Air Force Research Laboratory's, Materials and Manufacturing Directorate (AFRL/ML).

My third priority is \$3 million from the Air Force Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation account (PE 0602102F, line 2) for the Rice University Center for Innovative Nano Energy and nanoMaterials for Aerospace (CINEMA). CINEMA comprises researchers from Rice University, Lockheed-Martin Corporation, General Electric Company, and the Air Force Research Laboratory's Materials and Manufacturing Directorate (AFRL/ML). CINEMA's goal is to accelerate the development of efficient aerospace energy technology for the U.S. Air Force, which will also help satisfy the needs for more efficient energy systems for the rest of the DOD and the civilian world.

My fourth priority is \$8 million from the Army Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation Account (PE 0602624A, line 18) for the purpose of developing and demonstrating prototype single wall nanotube based ultracapacitors. Single Wall Carbon Nanotubes (SWNT) are capable of power delivery rates one thousand times faster than standard ultracapacitors and potentially could be deployed in future weapons such as the Non-Line-of-Site Cannon (NLOS-C).

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John Culberson

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Dear Chairman Young and Ranking Member Murtha,

We are respectfully supporting the Battleship Texas Foundation and the \$3 million request made by Congressman Gene Green in the FY2007 Defense Appropriations bill.

The Battleship TEXAS was commissioned in 1914, decommissioned in 1948, and moved to San Jacinto Battleground Park, where it became the nation's first memorial battleship. TEXAS is the only remaining battleship that has served our nation in both World Wars. The \$3 million we are requesting will go towards the continued preservation of the Battleship TEXAS and is matched by a \$16.1 million TXDot Enhancement grant. As strong supporters of historic preservation, we believe this project is an important piece of our national heritage.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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John Culberson  
Member of Congress

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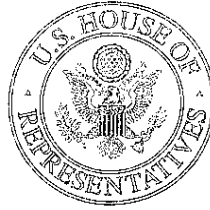
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The Honorable John Murtha  
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Dear Chairman Young and Ranking Member Murtha:

As you may know, Congressman DeLay submitted a project for the University of Texas Health Science Center- Houston (UTHSC-H) to prepare for a possible influenza. In light of his retirement, I would like to resubmit the request of \$9 million for the Texas Science Humanitarian Intervention, Education and Leadership for Disasters (TexSHIELD).

The TexSHIELD disaster preparedness program is an integrated early disease detection and response system that will develop an important infrastructural capacity for disease and public health laboratory readiness, situational awareness, and communications and response. Combined laboratory surveillance, information technology (IT) surveillance, research, and education serve to better provide the United States with a system for rapid detection and early warning for human and animal influenza. As a result of this project, days to weeks of advanced notice related to avian influenza may be achieved.

The UTHSC-H Office of Biotechnology and the UTHSC-H School of Public Health, Center for Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness, are working in tandem on this project. The current surveillance and laboratory detection capabilities for the nation must be greatly enhanced if the United States is to rapidly detect and respond to an outbreak of pandemic influenza.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Culberson".

John Culberson  
Member of Congress