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The Honorable David Obey Chairman House Appropriations Committee H-218 United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I write to respectfully request funding in the Fiscal Year 2009 Defense Appropriations bill, Army, RDT&E account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Phoenix Worldwide Industries, located at 10780 SW 190th Street, Miami, FL 33351.

I understand that the funding would be used to develop and implement smaller, light weight command platforms with reduced power requirements required for biological, video and systematic sensors to be installed to function with "Medium" sized Unmanned Ground Vehicles. Phoenix Worldwide mobile command platforms would be fitted onto Military vehicles. This effort would be overseen and directed by the Robotic and Joint Center for Unmanned Ground Vehicle at TARDEC, the attending agency.

Unmanned Ground Vehicles and Robotics are of high importance to our Warfighters. The US Military is currently using numerous types and designs of these UGVs in country and overseas. The US Military will continue to develop newer UGVs and mobile command platforms whose technologies which will reduce exposure in hazards situations while at the same time gather information and intelligence. This is the direction of our Military as defined in the Future Combat System directive; to increase situational awareness while reducing human exposure for our Ground Troops.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.