

From: Mark Begich - Requests
Subject: FY2012 Appropriations Request Form



Dear Community Member,

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With the holidays nearly upon us, it is time to start thinking about project requests for Fiscal Year 2012.

As you know, support for the appropriations process has changed in recent years. Not only has the amount of earmarks been reduced, initiatives have been introduced in both the House and Senate to ban earmarks. House Republicans adopted an earmark ban for this Congress and many members in both chambers have committed to not requesting projects this year. This past week, the Senate voted on a two-year earmark moratorium. I voted no on the moratorium and it failed.

I believe there are many worthy Alaska projects, which protect lives and safety, or create jobs for Alaskans. I look forward to working with Alaska communities to support federal funding for these vital projects.

Many people ask what criteria my office uses when considering projects to submit to the Senate Appropriations Committee. We look for projects that create jobs, stimulate the economy, and protect the health and safety of communities. As always, I strongly encourage communities to continue to pursue alternate forms of funding.

Last year, we upgraded our technology to make the appropriations process easier for requesters. You can find more information on regarding that here: <http://begich.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ProjectRequests>. In addition, as I have done the last two years, I will publicly post all FY2012 requests on my website. **All requests must be received by my office by 5:00pm AKST February 25, 2010.**

Finally, many of you have inquired regarding the status of projects submitted last year. At this point it is unclear whether we will have a Continuing Resolution, which would only fund the government at current levels without earmarks, or an Omnibus Spending Bill, which would include earmarks. However, it is important to remember that every earmark is not guaranteed to be included in an Omnibus. We will know more about the status of the projects from last year in the next two weeks.

Thank you for all you do for your communities and for our state. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Liz Brinkerhoff-Nottberg (general form) or Lindsay Kavanaugh (DoD) at 202-224-3004 or send an e-mail with your inquiry to appropriations@begich.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Senator Mark Begich

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