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The Honorable Dave Obey  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis,

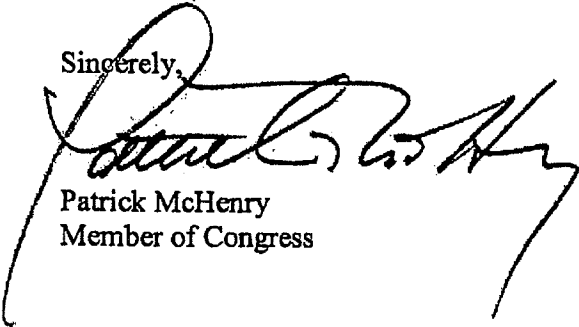
I am requesting funding for The Home of the Perfect Christmas Tree Project in fiscal year 2008. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Mitchell County Development Foundation, Inc.  
167 Locust St, PO Box 858  
Spruce Pine, NC 28777

The funding would be used to renovate the existing 1,500 square feet of retail space and expand the space by an additional 1,500 square feet. The renovation is necessary due to the expected growth of the project. The Foundation expects to double the number of licensed product makers to 60 by the end of 2007.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick McHenry  
Member of Congress