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Record Description:

A list of Congressionally directed spending for fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009 as well as any direction on the use of funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

Preferred Form or Format: electronic, preferably in spreadsheet or database file

Type of Requester (if provided):

A representative of the news media affiliated with The Wall Street Journal and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Type of Media (if provided):

Newspaper

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

Yes, the request is concerned with the degree of specificity of appropriations made by members of Congress

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

Yes, the information will be used for a newspaper article detailing how governemnt appropriations work

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

Yes, the intent is to disseminate this information in The Wall Street Journal

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or

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activities.

Yes, we hope the article will explain in detail how members of congress can affect government spending

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

our only commercial interest is news

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

our commercial interest is tied to public interest in this information

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: