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Dear Friends:

The new House Leadership and the President have determined that earmarks will not be included in any appropriations bills this year. I disagree with this decision because it prevents full and open Congressional consideration of many worthwhile project proposals critical to the health, safety and economic well-being of the people of our District.

As your representative in Congress, I am committed to working with you to pursue alternative strategies to support critical infrastructure improvements in our communities. Therefore, I am requesting that you submit letters to my office itemizing priorities in your community for funding during fiscal year 2012. Please email your priorities to CA01Appropriations@mail.house.gov by close of business February 25th, 2011. In submitting your priorities, please provide them in rank order with the following information:

- Project Name
- Federal Agency with Jurisdiction over Project Request (If known)
- Local Contact Name, Phone Number and Email Address
- Description of the Project Request
- Cost of Project Request

This year's environment will be especially challenging for securing funding for projects. I encourage you to only include the highest priority projects and I will do all that is possible in this new environment to support investments that improve our communities.

In closing, I believe that the people in our district are in the best position to identify those worthwhile projects that will enhance safety, create jobs and improve our quality of life, and I look forward to your recommendations. I do not know if we will be successful, but I do know that we need to be ready.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress