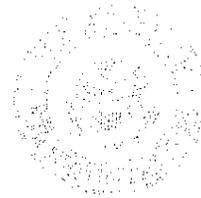


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The Honorable John Murtha  
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United States House of Representatives  
H-149, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515The Honorable Bill Young  
Subcommittee on Defense  
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Dear Chairman Murtha and Ranking Member Young:

I am writing respectfully to request your support for the following projects in the FY2009 Defense Appropriations bill:

1. **Alliance for NanoHealth:** \$10,000,000 for advancing the state of nanomedicine through innovative peer reviewed grant programs and infrastructure development projects to identify and cure human diseases at the earliest stages in the Army's Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account, Medical Advanced Technology, line 30, PE #0603002A. *The Alliance for NanoHealth is my highest appropriations priority.*
2. **Baylor College of Medicine:** \$3,000,000 for research to identify and cure brain injuries in wounded soldiers in the Army's Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account, Medical Advanced Technology, line 30, PE #0603002A.
3. **Rice University:** \$5,000,000 for the armchair quantum wire project to dramatically improve the efficiency of electrical systems used by the Air Force, and in the longer term, to help make America energy independent in the Air Force's Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account, Materials, line 8, PE #0602102F.
4. **The Methodist Hospital System:** \$2,000,000 for developing nano-imaging agents to ensure drug delivery devices reach targeted cells in the Army's Research, Development, Test and Evaluation account, Medical Advanced Technology, line 28, PE #0602787A.

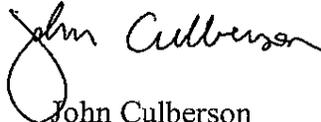
I would also like to support Congressman Randy Neugebauer's request for \$8,500,000 for Texas Tech University's compact pulsed power initiative to remotely disable and destroy IEDs (Army, RDT&amp;E, line 55, PE #0603305A).

Additionally, I am requesting that the Committee increase funds to accelerate production of Virginia Class submarines to ensure that United States Navy capabilities are not diminished in the future.

Should your office need any additional information, please contact Alicia Lee at 6-9175.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Culberson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John Culberson  
Member of Congress