

## Reply to FORBES request re: Congressionally Directed Spending

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To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

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Hello Adam,

Congressman Massie spent over 17 hours in the markup but missed the particular vote on sending the bill to the floor. He intends to vote against the bill on the floor this week and has already attested that he has no conflicts of interest (see the attached statements submitted with the project requests). He serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure committee because he believes the federal government has a legitimate role in transportation infrastructure and the legislature has the constitutional authority to direct the funding of those projects. In fact, Congressman Massie has voted in the GOP conference more than once to restore congressionally directed spending in the context of transportation infrastructure.

The attached pdfs are the letters submitted with the three approved requests. These letters all contain statements attesting to no conflicts of interest.

Thank you for your inquiry, which I have copied below.

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**Subject:** Important FORBES Request For Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Adam Andrzejewski and a Senior Policy Contributor at *Forbes* and writing a piece about GOP House members' earmarks included in the surface transportation bill from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The deadline on our request for comment is today, June 29 at 5pm ET.

Here is the draft text currently in our piece regarding Rep. Massie:

***Thomas Massie (KY-4) has an apparent conflict-of-interest. Massie abstained from voting for or against the bill in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Massie's earmarks in the bill amount to \$19.3 million – mostly for state highways in his district. He requested nearly \$60 million in earmarks from Pelosi.***

If you miss our deadline, we will do our best to update the piece when you respond.

Any context, feedback, or comment on the Member support of the once-banned earmarks and why s/he requested earmarks would be important to our readers at Forbes.

This is a request for comment, context, or feedback. Your response is important to our readers at *Forbes* and we want your perspective.

If you miss our deadline, we will do our best to update the piece when you respond.

Sincerely,

Adam

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