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The Honorable Kenneth Calvert
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairmen Calvert and Murkowski and Ranking Members McCollum and Udall:

I am pleased to provide this request for reprogramming for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Submitting this request follows the guidance in the joint explanatory statement of managers that accompanied the FY 2017 appropriation bill, in which approval is required for any changes over $1,000,000.

We are requesting a reprogramming of $2.493 million in FY 2017 resources to provide funds to support the Small Business Innovative Research program. This transfer of resources supports the Small Business Innovative Research Program as required by the SBIR Reauthorization Act of 2000 (PL 106-554). Under this Act, the EPA is required to provide 3.2% of their extramural research program to support SBIR.

A more detailed description of the reprogramming and a breakout by program project is provided in the enclosure. The EPA requests this reprogramming reset the base program project levels for future reprogrammings. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you or your staff may have and look forward to working with you and the Subcommittee on the agency's budget.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FY 2017 Enacted Operating Plan Reprogramming
Science and Technology

SBIR
Reprogramming Details

Appropriation/Program Project		Increase	Decrease
S&T	Homeland Security: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery		-$ 80,000
S&T	Human Health Risk Assessment		-$ 120,000
S&T	Research: Air Climate and Energy		-$ 810,000
S&T	Research: Safe and Sustainable Water Resources		-$ 702,000
S&T	Research: Chemical Safety and Sustainability		-$ 101,000
S&T	Research: Chemical Safety and Sustainability (EDCs)		-$ 600,000
S&T	Research: Chemical Safety and Sustainability (CompTox)		-$ 50,000
SF Transfer	Homeland Security: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery		-$ 21,000
SF Transfer	Human Health Risk Assessment		-$ 9,000
SF Transfer	Research: Sustainable and Healthy Communities	+$ 30,000	
S&T	Research: Sustainable and Healthy Communities	+$2,463,000	
Total		**+$2,493,000**	**-$2,493,000**

This transfer of FY 2017 resources supports the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Program as required by the SBIR Reauthorization Act of 2000 (PL 106-554). Under this Act, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) is required to provide 3.2% of their extramural research program to support SBIR. This reprogramming transfers resources from the programs listed above into the Research: Sustainable and Healthy Communities program to meet the SBIR Reauthorization Act funding requirements.

EPA continues to require a separate reprogramming to implement the Congressionally-directed Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program as part of its annual operating plan. This annual reprogramming ensures that we apply the SBIR tap proportionally across the various research programs as reflected in the Congressionally appropriated levels which fluctuate annually. This approach allows the Agency to avoid causing a disproportionate impact to any single research program.