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## **CARDIN ANNOUNCES PRIORITY APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS FOR MARYLAND, INCLUDING FREDERICK, WASHINGTON, ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES**

WASHINGTON – **U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin** (D-MD), a member of the Senate Budget Committee, today announced his FY 2010 budget appropriations requests for Maryland, including projects that would benefit Western Maryland. The Senate will take up the appropriations bills this summer. A complete list of Senator Cardin’s appropriations requests can be found at [cardin.senate.gov](http://cardin.senate.gov).

*“The appropriations process must be open and transparent. The American people have a right to know how their tax dollars may be used. I have carefully vetted every request for Fiscal Year 2010 to ensure that they reflect our regional and national priorities and will help Maryland meet the challenges of the future,” said Senator Cardin. “My appropriations requests focus on creating new jobs through innovation and technology, improving our transportation infrastructure, supporting health research, strengthening homeland security, restoring the environment and lessening our dependence on foreign energy.”*

More than 45 percent of all funds requested by Senator Cardin fund or supplement funding for federal programs that benefit Maryland. Approximately 30 percent of the funds requested would provide essential resources to our state and local governments.

### ***Examples of statewide requests include:***

- \$2 million for the State of Maryland for its **First Responder Interoperability Project** to help the state implement an interoperability radio system
- \$ 1 million for the **Maryland State Police** to upgrade the state’s computer aided dispatch/management system in order to coordinate resources and provide quicker deployments in case of an emergency
- \$2.5 million for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s **statewide oral health literacy campaign** to educate low-income, high-risk families about the importance of oral health and preventive behaviors including working with dental and medical providers

- \$2 million for essential infrastructure of the **Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Water Trails**

*Examples of requests from Senator Cardin for entities or projects based in Western Maryland include:*

- \$5 million for the **Corridor Cities Transitway**, a proposed 13.5-mile light rail or bus rapid transit line in Montgomery County, Maryland, that would extend from the Shady Grove Metrorail Station in Rockville through Gaithersburg and Germantown
- \$4.2 million for the **Naval Health Research Network Information Exchange** to develop and deploy systems to exchange digital health information from civilian patient populations containing Veteran, Guard, Reserve, and DoD beneficiaries.
- \$4 million to resurface and rehabilitate **I-68 in Allegany County**
- \$3 million for Volvo Powertrain of North America (Hagerstown) to complete development of the **hybrid electric truck powertrain** for our military.
- \$2.3 million for the **Appalachian Center for Ethnobotanical Studies at Frostburg State University**, which is dedicated to the study and conservation of native plants and will help foster economic growth through the development of the area's natural resources
- \$1 million for involves improvements to the existing **Frostburg and Cumberland sanitary and combined sewer infrastructure** to prevent combined sewer overflows.
- \$750,000 for the **Garrett County Career Technology Training Center**

In addition, Senator Cardin has requested funding for the following projects:

- Technical support and finance programs for the **City of Hagerstown's Minority and Women Owned Business Program**
- **Comprehensive planning for the Middle Potomac River Watershed** that combats a broad spectrum of problems and reflects the diversity of the landscape of the Potomac basin, which includes urban, rural, and natural areas in six different eco-regions and five local jurisdictions-MD, PA, VA, WV, and DC
- **Jennings Randolph Lake Dam Safety Project** in Garrett County on the North Branch Potomac River, upstream from the mouth of Savage River at Luke, Maryland
- **Hagerstown/Washington County Disabilities Transportation Program** to purchase additional buses to better provide transportation services to disabled residents.

**For more details on the above requests and a complete list of all of Senator Cardin's FY 2010 appropriations requests for Maryland, please go to [cardin.senate.gov](http://cardin.senate.gov)**