



EARMARK PLEDGE

EARMARKING: *The practice by which members of Congress divert taxpayer funding to special projects outside of the normal oversight and authorization process, has grown out of control and is open to waste and abuse.*

THEREFORE, I, Lee Zeldin, in my capacity as
candidate for Congress (congressman/senator/president),
do hereby pledge that I will personally support spending reform in
Congress by refusing to seek, support, or enact earmarks during the
appropriations process for fiscal year 2009.

[Signature]
Signature

First Congressional District of NY
Office Held or Seeking

Mar. 20, 2008
Date

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Earmark Reform Pledge

I, Lee Zeldin, pledge to the constituents of the 1st district of the State of New York and to the American people that I will support commonsense reforms of how Congress spends taxpayer dollars.

To that end, I will:

FIRST, *fully disclose* all earmarked funding or targeted tax benefit requests (or substitute letters to agencies) on my Congressional website.

SECOND, *not* request any earmarked funding that would come from a federal program that is not currently authorized by Congress.

THIRD, *not* request any earmarked funding or targeted tax benefit provision that does not serve a federal interest and/or have a federal nexus.

FOURTH, *not* request any earmarked funding or targeted tax benefit provision for an entity located outside of the state I represent.

FIFTH, *not* request any earmarked funding or targeted tax benefit provision that would be directed toward a specific private entity that was not requested by an agency.

SIXTH, *not* request any earmarked funding be added or increased in a conference committee to an amount greater than the amount passed in either the House or the Senate version of the bill.

SEVENTH, *not* request any earmarked funding or targeted tax benefit provision without also requesting that the provision be included within the text of the bill.

EIGHTH, *support* legislation that would end the linkage between campaign contributions and earmarks.

NINTH, *support* legislation that requires any earmarked funding or targeted tax benefit provision be put in the text of the bill, be available for discussion at an open Congressional hearing, and be disclosed with the requesting Member(s), amounts, recipients, and purpose at least one week before the bill is brought to the floor.

TENTH, *support* any amendment in Committee, or on the Floor of the House, that eliminates an earmarked funding or targeted tax benefit provision that does not comply with this pledge.

[Signature]
Candidate for Congress

[Signature]
Witness

Mar 10, 2008
Date