

WASHINGTON--Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) joined House Republicans in calling for an immediate moratorium on earmarks.

"The addiction Congress has to earmarks is a real problem and must be fixed. This last year there were more than 11,000 special member projects, some were to glorify themselves and one member of the Appropriations Committee was able to steer 176 million dollars to his district. That is just wrong," said Congressman Terry.

House GOP leaders sent Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) a letter asking her to join House Republicans in an immediate moratorium on earmarks and to appoint a bipartisan, bicameral joint committee to reform the earmark process and eliminate wasteful spending.

"The system is broke and is open to corruption. Until strict rules are in place to make the system transparent and protects against abuses, I support the decision for a moratorium on earmarks. I hope the Speaker and the Democrat caucus joins us in fixing the earmark problem," said Congressman Terry.

In the interim, until a complete earmark moratorium is in place and a bipartisan panel is formed I along with my House Republican colleagues will proceed with the adoption of a series of earmark standards that each Republican member will honor.

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