

**Summary for projects submitted to the Appropriations Committee for the FY10
Appropriations Cycle**

The proposed recipient: JBI International, Inc

Address of the recipient: 110 E 30th Street
New York, NY 10016

The amount of the request: \$0

Purpose of the project and why it is a good use of taxpayer funds: - The Library of Congress has adopted a program to digitize its Talking Books for the visually impaired. This is a particularly important program given the growing population in the United States of elderly persons suffering from various forms of visual impairment associated with aging, as well as the growing problem of visual impairment resulting from diabetes and other diseases related to obesity.

One of the libraries designated as an Affiliated Library of the Library of Congress, JBI International, Inc., provides Talking Books of Jewish interest (very broadly defined) to thousands of Americans all over the country. The format used by JBI is that prescribed by the Library of Congress in conformity with the Chafee Amendment. Unless JBI is able to digitize its retrospective collection of Talking Books, that collection will become unusable by the thousands of Americans who rely on JBI's Talking Books library. Funding will allow JBI to digitize its unique library so that its books can continue to be made available, as they have in the past, to the visually impaired using the Library of Congress's format.