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Tom Cole, Chairman  
Rosa L. DeLauro, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 in the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Delta Health Partners project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Tougaloo College located at 500 West County Line Road Tougaloo, MS 39174. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will specifically target several counties in the Mississippi Delta region with high infant mortality rates and chronic health issues. This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson  
Member of Congress