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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Canton for the Canton Workforce Development Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding is the City of Canton, located at 226 E Peace St, Canton, MS 39046.

The funding would be used for the rehabilitation and modernization of a facility to establish a dedicated workforce training center for the benefit of the Canton Public School District. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a compelling local need for vocational education and economic revitalization in an underserved region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson  
Member of Congress