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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 Quitman County Blight Elimination Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Quitman County Board of Supervisors, located at 220 Chestnut St, Marks, MS 38646. The funding would be used for the redevelopment of cleared blighted lots into new home construction and green space.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a compelling local need by transforming a restrictive and deteriorating housing landscape into a modern, reliable residential corridor. This infrastructure initiative will significantly reduce environmental and health hazards, improve public safety, and enhance system reliability for residents and commuters. By modernizing this critical area, the project serves as a vital catalyst for regional economic vitality and long-term community revitalization.

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