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March 19, 2026

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:

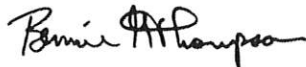
I am requesting funding for the Sardis Blight Elimination project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Sardis, located at 114 West Lee Street, Sardis, MS 38666. The project site is located within the city limits of Sardis, Mississippi. The funding would be used for the demolition and clearance of hazardous residential and commercial structures to improve public safety and stabilize property values.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it proactively addresses public safety and economic stagnation by removing dilapidated structures that pose fire risks and attract illegal activity.

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