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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 Mississippi Student Facilities Modernization Initiative in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is North Delta Planning & Development District, Inc., located at 220 Power Drive, Batesville, Mississippi 38606. The funding would be used for renovations to improve student housing, career services infrastructure, and STEM classroom spaces across multiple educational institutions. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports student success, workforce readiness, and access to quality educational environments in underserved areas of Mississippi.

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