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May 1, 2025

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

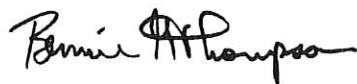
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Forward Together Initiative in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jackson Redevelopment Authority, located at 218 S President Street, Jackson, MS 39201. The funding would be used to support community revitalization efforts that include addressing housing insecurity, expanding workforce training opportunities, promoting digital access, and supporting small business development. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves quality of life, increases access to opportunity, and supports long-term inclusive growth in underserved areas of Hinds County.

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