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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 Natchez Community Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Tougaloo College, located at 500 West County Line Road, Tougaloo, MS 39174. The funding would be used to support the rehabilitation and development of multiple community-serving facilities across Wilkinson and Adams counties. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests in youth development, preserves historically significant infrastructure, and strengthens local efforts to expand workforce development and economic opportunity in the 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