

**BENNIE G. THOMPSON**  
SECOND DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI

COMMITTEE ON  
HOMELAND SECURITY  
RANKING MEMBER

WASHINGTON OFFICE:  
2466 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-2402  
(202) 225-5876  
(202) 225-5898: FAX  
E-Mail: [benniethompson@mail.house.gov](mailto:benniethompson@mail.house.gov)  
Home Page: <http://benniethompson.house.gov>

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-2402

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS  
CONGRESSIONAL GAMING CAUCUS  
CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS  
CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS  
CONGRESSIONAL RURAL CAUCUS  
HOUSE EDUCATION CAUCUS  
CONGRESSIONAL RICE CAUCUS  
CONGRESSIONAL CANCER CAUCUS  
CONGRESSIONAL HBCU CAUCUS

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

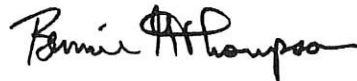
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the STEM POWER Initiative in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Holmes County Consolidated School District, located at 313 Olive Street, Lexington, Mississippi 39095. The funding would be used to renovate and modernize classroom and community learning facilities used for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) instruction across the district. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports long-term educational and economic development in one of Mississippi's most underserved areas. It addresses critical infrastructure needs by improving public facilities that serve students, teachers, and families through job-embedded professional development, student robotics and STEM programs, and community engagement activities.

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