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May 2, 2024

Tom Cole, Chairman  
Rosa L. DeLauro, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 in the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Alcorn State Wilkinson Youth Center project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alcorn State University located at 1000 Asu Dr, Lorman, MS 39096. This funding will be used to construct a youth center for local youth in the county. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is an investment in the future of Wilkinson County's youth, a proactive approach to addressing community challenges, and will assist with the struggling social and economic position of the community. By supporting this project, taxpayers are making an impactful investment in the long-term well-being of Wilkinson 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