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Kay Granger, Chairwoman  
Rosa L. DeLauro, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 in the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Alcorn State University Innovation Center Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alcorn State University located at 1000 ASU Drive, #359, Lorman, MS, 39096. The funding would assist in the completion of the Innovation Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it furthers Alcorn State University's impact and ability to better serve the constituents of the district, and the project will provide students with the necessary resources to better their education. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson  
Member of Congress