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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 Charleston Community Youth Center Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Charleston Community Center located at 13304 Mississippi Highway 35, Charleston, MS 38921. The funding would assist in the construction of a new building that will serve as the youth center for the Charleston community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the center will help children, working parents, and college students by providing them with educational and academic programs to help better the community. 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,

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