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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 Clear the Way Blight Elimination project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the South Delta Planning and Development District, located at 1427 S. Main Street, Greenville, MS 38701. This is a collaborative initiative between the Cities of Vicksburg, Clarksdale, Yazoo, and Canton aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods by removing hazardous and dilapidated structures. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves the quality of life.

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