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March 24, 2023

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 COGIC Community Resource Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is COGIC Charities, inc. located at 16979 Highway 17, Lexington, MS 39095. The funding would assist in creating the Community Resource Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the programs that occur in the center will address the high crime rate and the poverty rate by enriching the local communiy. 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

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