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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 Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation Kamassa Facility in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation located at 4002 Sumrall Road, Crystal Springs, MS 39059. The funding would assist in the construction of the operations center and four housing cottages. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Mississippi does not have any other barrier-free camp facility designed and built especially for Mississippi's children and adults affected by serious illnesses, physical and mental challenges, and other special needs. 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