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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 Skipworth Performing Arts Center Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kosciusko Foundation for Excellence in Education located at P.O. Box 1184, Kosciusko, MS 39090. The funding would assist in the renovation of the Skipworth Performing Arts Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because having a local venue for artistic, educational, and cultural programs will benefit all the students of Attala County. 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