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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 Southwest Mississippi Business and Community Improvement District in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southwest Mississippi Planning and Development District located at 100 South Wall Street, Natchez, MS 39120. The funding would support various community development projects in Wilkinson County, town of Bude, town of Gloster, city of Natchez, town of Centreville, and town of Woodville. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new developments would provide essential resources to those who need them the most across the southwest region of Mississippi. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Block Grant program, 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress