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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Jones College Jasper County Center Expansion project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jones County Junior College. This funding would enable the construction of a 20,000-square-foot addition to expand workforce training and educational capacity in a rural, underserved region of Mississippi. This project would increase access to high-demand training, adult education, and academic programs aligned with the needs of local employers, particularly in fields such as advanced manufacturing, healthcare, welding, fiber optics, and utility line work. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it directly addresses workforce shortages and low labor force participation in Jasper County, contributing to long-term economic growth in rural Mississippi.

This 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Member of Congress