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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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kemper County Economic Development and Natural Gas Expansion project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kemper County Board of Supervisors. This funding would serve to build a 15.9-mile gas line in support of 350 residential and commercial customers, while also providing critical gas service to East Mississippi Community College, which presently depends on above-ground propane storage tanks. Conversion to natural gas would offer EMCC a safer, economical, and more efficient energy source for approximately 2,500 annual students, including 500 residential students, faculty, and staff. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it invests in local energy infrastructure that directly benefits the local community and East Mississippi Community College. A new gas line will also work to improve Kemper County's efforts to further develop sites for industrial partners and anticipated economic growth.

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)m 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

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