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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cameron County Chamber of Commerce Innovation Center in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Emporium County Chamber of Commerce, located at 34 East Fourth Street, Emporium, Pennsylvania, 15834.

The funding for this project will purchase a former restaurant in Emporium to utilize the current kitchen equipment and register the facility as a USDA certified incubator. The facility has sat vacant for 12 months and there has been no interest by any purchaser. The kitchen will allow processors to sell items to grocery stores. It is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds to create both an incubator and a co-working space in a remote region of Pennsylvania.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Glenn "GT" Thompson Member of Congress