



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Technology & Connectivity Upgrades at the PennWest Venango Campus in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry, & Tourism located at 217 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301.

The funding for this project will be used to replace technology and connectivity equipment to assure the full functionality of the classroom and presentation spaces at the PennWest Venango Campus as the building undergoes a transition towards a community-oriented space. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow for continued educational and workforce development opportunities at the Venango Campus which are essential to the supporting our rural communities.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Thompson".

Glenn "GT" Thompson  
Member of Congress