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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Whitman Center for Business Development and Entrepreneurship Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Monroe County Community College, located at 1555 S. Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161. The funding would be used to renovate and expand an existing under-utilized educational facility in order to create a new Business Development and Entrepreneurship Center in southern Monroe County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new center would serve as a community center for economic growth and educational hub for entrepreneurs and start-up businesses. The center would help encourage business development and new job opportunities for residents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Tim Walberg

Member of Congress