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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 Glen Oaks Community College Center for Rural Sustainability Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Glen Oaks Community College (GOCC), located at 62249 Shimmel Rd, Centreville, MI 49032. The funding would be used to expand offerings available through its agricultural equipment technology program by creating the Center of Rural Sustainability. The proposed facility would meet a critical economic need in the largely agricultural region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because GOCC has the only agricultural equipment technology program in the region, which is in need of highly trained technicians for the many agricultural industry jobs throughout southern Michigan.

The 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,

Tim Walberg

Member of Congress