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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations 2207 Rayburn House Office Building U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Building Futures Through Sustainable Agriculture project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Prince George's County Public Schools. Funding for this project would towards retrofitting and equipment at the Controlled Environment Agriculture Training Facility on the Non-Traditional High School at Croom, MD's Vocational campus. The facility will focus on aquaculture, hydroponics, and sustainable nutrient production, preparing students for well-paying careers in the burgeoning CEA industry.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely yours,

STENY H. HOYER