



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-6502**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Functional Greenhouse for Advanced Agriculture and Biotechnology Research in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bowie State University, located at 14000 Jericho Park Rd, Bowie, MD 20715. The funding would be used for the university to create a modern research greenhouse to partner academia and industry to meet the needs of student practical learning experience in a critical field to meet future local and global food needs. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly contributes to the economic and educational advancement of Marylanders. The emphasis on hands-on training and certificate programs will prepare a skilled workforce for the rapidly evolving biotech and agricultural industries, thereby enhancing job prospects and stimulating local economic growth.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, specifically at 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(19).

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, appearing to read "Steny Hoyer", with a stylized, flowing script.

STENY H. HOYER