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March 24, 2023

Rep. Kay Granger Chairwoman, House Appropriations Committee 2308 Rayburn HOB

Rep. Rosa Delauro Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee 2413 Rayburn HOB

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the AgriLife Education Community Center at Uvalde in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M AgriLife Center at Uvalde, in collaboration with the City of Uvalde.

The funding would be used to construct a new education community center at the Texas A&M AgriLife Center at Uvalde where it will serve as a hub for education, workforce development, and outreach activities on agriculture crops, agribusiness, soil and water conservation, and wildlife for Uvalde and the southwest Texas community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because This experiential learning environment will provide students with practical, diverse, and sustainable research and extension skills. AgriLife will offer opportunities for hands-on experience throughout the year by involving students in short-term projects, 4H-STEM activities, and summer internships to contribute towards their career aspirations or degree programs.

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.

Member of Congress

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