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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
2207 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
2413 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Living Science Laboratory for Agriculture and Workforce Development Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Upper Moreland Township School District, located at 509 Davisville Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090.

The funding would be used to construct a cutting-edge facility to address community health, workforce development, and food production. This facility will provide students with hands-on experiences in modern agricultural practices, preparing them for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers while increasing understanding of the importance of healthy produce within the community. The proposed 1,000 square foot lean-to style living science laboratory will include aquaculture, nutrient film techniques, and an on-site nutrient production system. This will create a dynamic learning environment that will empower students to pursue interests in agriculture and STEM, modern agricultural practices, and enhance nutrition and community health.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will reimagine an underutilized area of the high school's campus to create a workforce training center in the area of agriculture and STEM. This meets a compelling local need consistent with the statutory purposes of an economic development initiative under the CPF program, as this will provide hands-on training and mentorship in modern agricultural practices, facility management, and agricultural entrepreneurship.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Madeleine Dean  
Member of Congress