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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol U.S. House of Representatives Washinton, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Texas 4-H Center Improvements and Upgrades project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service located at Texas 4-H Center, 5600 FM 3021, Brownwood, TX 76801.

The funding would be used to improve and renovate the Texas 4-H Center facilities which are approaching 50 years of service and are in need of upgrades to current standards and codes. With these improvements, the 4-H Center could expand programming while offering competitive pricing to customers when facility space is available. The project would allow various audiences in both rural and urban populations a place to exchange ideas, build networks, and expand education in the 11th Congressional District while providing needed economic stimulus to the local area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, with 50 years of service, the facilities need to be improved to serve the next generation of Texas youth. Infrastructure repairs are becoming excessive each year and these renovations are needed to continue and expand services to the community, surrounding area, and the state. The project would generate substantial local and state tax revenue with an estimated \$4 million in total business activity annually in the area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

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

immediate family.

Sincerely,

August Pfluger Member of Congress