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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
2422 Rayburn Building
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the UACCB – Batesville Community College Food Systems Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB), located at 2201 East Main Street, Batesville, Arkansas, 72501. The funding would be used to construct a publicly-owned regional facility that includes a mobile livestock harvest unit, a centralized meat processing/training facility, cold storage infrastructure, producer aggregation, distribution space, and a shared-use food processing kitchen. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it adds additional opportunities for hands-on workforce training for students and other professionals across North Central Arkansas and expands livestock processing capacity and value-added food production to aid in farm-to-consumer product development.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



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