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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the West Texas A&M University Foundation Feedlot Educational Training Facility Canyon, TX project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the West Texas A&M University Foundation, located at WTAMU Box 60766, Canyon, Texas 79016. The funding would be used to construct and build an educational training facility primarily designed to educate and train personnel for feedlot and feed mill operation in the rural communities of the Texas High Plains and Panhandle. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the cattle feeding industry is an integral part of the Texas Panhandle economy, generating over \$16.5 billion in value. The agriculture industry is facing numerous challenges when producing the food the world relies on, including shortages of quality labor. This center will help secure well-trained labor to improve economic efficiencies, animal welfare, and stable labor opportunities for the rural population.

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,



Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress