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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Farm-to Table Entrepreneurship project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Austin Community College-Elgin Campus, located at 1501 West U.S. Hwy. 290, Elgin, TX 78621. The funding would be used to refit classrooms and kitchens at the Austin Community College-Elgin Campus, to support the launch of the Farm-to-Table program that would offer students a variety of culinary and agriculture classes to start small businesses, including through distance education learning options for rural residents. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the courses offered through the program would focus on sourcing local and sustainable agricultural product. The program would provide distance education learning options for rural residents in Travis, Williamson and Bastrop Counties that includes a hyflex classroom.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

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

Sincerely,



Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress