

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4305**

May 8, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wood Country Multi-District Co-Op Multi-District Building. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mineola Independent School District located at 1695 W State Loop 564, Mineola, Texas 75773. The funding would be used for the purchase of a building currently owned by Methodist Ministries Center in Mineola, Texas, to facilitate the Co-Op's move to a new and improved classroom space. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow special education students from across five independent school districts to learn in a new classroom space that meets critical size and safety standards.

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

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

Sincerely,



Lance Gooden  
Member of Congress