

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

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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Quigley,

As you consider the Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request full funding in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 to move the Wood County Special Education Co-Op to a new facility in Mineola, Texas. This project would allow the Co-Op to move from its current modular and undersized building to a new facility that would allow for classroom and storage expansion and increased school safety for all students and staff members. The funds requested would cover the purchase of the building from Methodist Ministries Center in Mineola, Texas.

The Wood Country Multi-District Co-Op has continued to increase its student population over the last several years. This funding is greatly needed to address critical infrastructure and safety needs so that these special education students may receive the services they deserve.

There is robust community support for this project, including from five independent school districts, and we hope the project can be fully realized with federal assistance.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lance Gooden
Member of Congress