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May 1, 2024

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Georgia College and State University in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Georgia College and State University, located at Campus Box 24, Milledgeville, GA 31061. The funding would be used to renovate a space in the library, so it meets the needs of Bobcat Business Incubator.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this renovation will allow the incubator to serve more businesses and provide them with more resources to help make them successful, thriving businesses. Additionally, investing in our rural communities and allowing them to access the resources to develop their economies will make these communities healthier, happier, and better places to raise a family. This investment will result in additional economic development in the region.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Mike Collins

Member of Congress

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