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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville (SIUE) National Corn to Ethanol Research Center (NCERC) Facility Expansion in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, located at 1 Hairpin Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62026. The funding would be used for the expansion of the University's Corn to Ethanol Research Center facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides the necessary infrastructure to scale up research, pilot production, and technical training.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki Budzinski".

Nikki Budzinski
Member of Congress