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March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request funding for the construction of a new produce processing facility in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, located at 205 East Main Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

The funding would be used to construct a public facility to convert fresh, whole produce into formats for foodservice, wholesale, retail, and institutional markets, while also creating a reliable secondary outlet for surplus and cosmetically imperfect produce. This project will strengthen regional agricultural supply chains, expand market access for Kentucky farmers, reduce food waste, and support job creation and economic development across Eastern Kentucky.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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,

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Member of Congress