

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

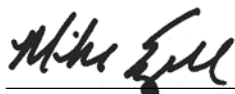
I am requesting funding for the Basila District Redevelopment Project project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Greene County, Mississippi located at 312 Green Ave. Leakesville, MS, 39451. The funding would be used for improvements which will prepare the property for development, enabling Greene County to recruit new businesses, create local jobs, and increase sales tax revenue that supports essential public services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in a rural county where economic development opportunities are limited, investing in development-ready commercial property is essential to remain competitive with surrounding communities. By improving this site, Greene County will be able to leverage private-sector investment, encourage business growth, and provide residents with expanded employment and retail opportunities closer to home.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in the Community Development Fund: 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,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress