

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:

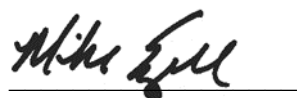
I am requesting funding for educational building construction in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jones County Junior College, located at 900 South Court Street, Ellisville, MS 39437. The funding would be used for the renovation of an existing building on Jones County Junior College's Ellisville campus to create a trade school course focused on construction, design, and building trades.

Jobs in these industry areas are in high demand in MS and throughout the nation. This facility will provide a classroom environment to produce workers into the field immediately following graduation, which will be a driving economic factor to a stable career for students and professionals, scheduled to create 200 workforce-ready graduates per year. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this initiative serves as a blueprint for community development and promises to drive sustainable growth and revitalize rural areas in MS and in the southeastern U.S.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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