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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rural Community Health, Workforce & Civic Expansion in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Birch Run Area Schools, located at 12450 Church St., Birch Run, MI 48415. The funding would be used to design and construct a regional multi-use facility in Birch Run that expands access to essential services such as workforce training, health care services, and community programming. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it creates a central hub serving more than 30 rural communities in mid-Michigan, thus reducing access barriers while strengthening regional workforce development and public health infrastructure.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Thank you for your consideration of my appropriations requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristen McDonald Rivet".

Kristen McDonald Rivet
Member of Congress