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March 27, 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 Saginaw Community Food Club project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Saginaw - Saginaw County Health Department, located at 1600 N. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602. This funding will be used to support the final phase of construction as well as the purchase and installation of essential equipment and technology needed to fully operationalize the Saginaw Community Food Club. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Saginaw County is a USDA-designated food desert whose residents rank 78th out of 83 Michigan counties in health outcomes—a disparity which is tied to the lack of access to affordable, nutritious food. Left unaddressed, these conditions generate significant long-term public costs through increased demand for healthcare, disability services, and social assistance programs.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of my appropriations requests.

Sincerely,

Kristen McDonald Rivet  
Member of Congress