



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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wilmington Area Agricultural Workforce Innovation Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Wilmington Area School District 300 Wood Street, New Wilmington PA 16142. The funding would be used for the project construction of a new agriculture educational training facility, equipment purchases and building renovations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Tthe request represents a strategic investment in durable rural workforce infrastructure. Rather than funding temporary programming, the appropriation equips a locally supported facility with commercial-grade agricultural systems that will operate year-round and generate sustainable revenue. With construction locally supported and match secured, federal funding removes the final capital barrier preventing launch of a workforce-aligned agricultural technology center.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Kelly".