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The Honorable Kay Granger
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Monroe and University of Louisiana at Monroe Entrepreneurial Innovation Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Monroe located at 400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, Monroe, LA 71201.

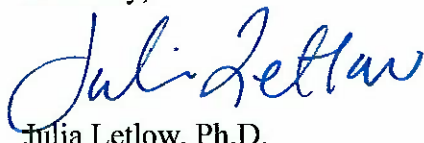
The funding would expand the City of Monroe's and the University of Louisiana at Monroe's (ULM) entrepreneurial outreach by creating a new business innovation space. There is a critical need for a larger innovation building with the equipment and tools to enable young businesses to develop further and improve their products and sufficient space for training activities directed toward technology and management skills development. This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will expand start-up businesses' access to critical services, improve the success rate of small businesses in Northeast Louisiana, and promote excellent economic opportunity for the region.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
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