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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Soil Health & Plant Nutrition Innovation Center, Muscle Shoals, AL, Colbert County, 4th Congressional District project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the International Fertilizer Development Center, located at 46 David Lilienthal Dr, Muscle Shoals, AL, 35661. The funding would be used to construct and refurbish facilities for a Soil Health and Plant Nutrition Innovation Center. The Center would be designed for research and development of high efficiency fertilizer and plant nutrition products.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will stimulate small business and local economic development in the area. The Center will create at least 150 new jobs, which will add \$5-\$10 million of additional income to the area each year and provide more opportunities for the local community to partner and engage with universities across 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress