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Chairwoman Kay Granger House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro House Appropriations Committee 2313 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for multi-use athletic facilities in Mifflin County in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mifflin County School District, located at 201 Eighth Street, Lewistown, PA 17044. The funding will be used to build Mifflin County's Multi-Use Athletic Facilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Mifflin County ranks 66th out of 67 counties in Pennsylvania for per capita income. For many families, youth sports and activities like band and cheerleading, are a student's gateway to higher education opportunities. As the only school district in the County, Mifflin County School District (MCSD) has entered into a public-private partnership to bring state of the art multi-use athletic facilities to the community. Mifflin County School District is committed to sharing this space with local residents for community events. In addition to hosting football, softball, baseball, lacrosse, soccer, track and field, cheer and band competitions, MCSD is involved with the Special Olympics, Senior Olympics and will partner with local organizations to bring numerous cultural and civic opportunities to the residents of Mifflin County. Graduation events for both the high school and local technical schools (cosmetology and business) will be hosted there.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress