Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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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 Mifflin County's historic courthouse rehabilitation in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mifflin County, located at 20 N. Wayne Street, Lewistown, PA 17044. The funding will be used for the historic courthouse rehabilitation project.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will upgrade mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems to preserve this historic structure while increasing energy efficiency. The building is home to the Mifflin County Historical Society, Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau. The Courthouse also houses the Research Library which contains original archives used extensively by genealogists, scholars and historians. These system upgrades are critical to protecting these irreplaceable documents.

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