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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Montcalm Research Center in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Michigan State University, AgBioResearch, located at 426 Auditorium Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48824. The funding would be used to enhance the Montcalm Research Center's physical infrastructure to better serve not only agricultural research but also the local community, including fire and police departments, local businesses, residents, and Montcalm Community College's MSU Institute of Agriculture Technology (IAT) program.

This request is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strategically enhance the physical and programmatic infrastructure that serves the broader community in Montcalm County, MSU researchers and students, by refurbishing an existing building, constructing a new building for community utilization, and constructing a new equipment storage and maintenance shop. This project will enhance safety at the Montcalm Research Center, provide opportunities for greater outreach and community events, and enable researchers to conduct high-level work linked to the needs of farmers and the rural economy in Montcalm County, Michigan and beyond.

The project has a Federal Nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



JOHN MOOLENAAR
Member of Congress