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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Mississippi Writing Project Leaders in Literacy Initiative** through the Innovation and Improvement account in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Mississippi, located at 100 Barr Hall, University, MS 38677.

The funding would be used to fund the Mississippi Project Network's leaders in Literacy Initiative is a program designed to support teacher growth, teacher retention, and student achievement. Effective literacy skills are essential to support student success in all grades and all subject areas. To meet students' complex literacy needs, this initiative will provide intensive, collaborative, and ongoing professional learning designed to increase teacher practice so teachers can grow students' reading, writing, and critical thinking skills.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in these projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trent Kelly".

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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