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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 **Rust College E.A. Smith Honors Program** through Higher Education account in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Rust College, located at 150 Rust Avenue, Holly Springs, MS 38635.

The funding would be used to enhance leadership development programming within the E.A. Smith Honors Program (website: www.rustcollege.edu/honors-program/). Named after Rust's 9th President, Dr. Ernest Andrew Smith, the program incorporates research, scholarship, leadership development and enrichment opportunities to prepare students to fill key roles in various disciplines including business, education, healthcare, social work, and civic leadership. Honors Program goals include: 1. Provide a learning community that prepares students for study in graduate and professional schools, careers, and lifelong learning, leadership, and intellectual growth 2. Expand students' horizons beyond the classroom by promoting undergraduate research, internships, study abroad, community service, and work-based learning 3. Create an interactive learning community that cultivates knowledge, skills, critical thinking and analysis, and confidence in data-driven decision-making and real-world performance

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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