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## Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, **I**C 20515–1501

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Swine Career and Technical Education Barn as a community project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is Kirkwood Community College, located at 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404.

This funding would allow for a complete overhaul of Kirkwood Community College's Swine Center, which is currently outdated and does not meet the present-day instructional facility standards needed to deliver industry-level instruction. The purpose of this investment is to construct a state-of-the-art teaching and research facility that will provide a direct pipeline to the in-demand pork production industry in Iowa. There is strong community support for this request.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress

Committee on Appropriations