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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing & Urban Development,
& Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James Clyburn
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing & Urban Development,
& Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn:

As you craft the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request the inclusion of \$3,716,513 in community project funding for the construction of the Swine Career and Technical Education Barn. The entity receiving the funding for this project is Kirkwood Community College, located at 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404.

This project will replace the outdated Swine Center with a modern facility that supports career and technical education in swine husbandry, an in-demand sector critical to Iowa's workforce and economy. Iowa's pork industry supports over 148,000 jobs and contributed \$10.9 billion to the state's GDP in 2022. The facility will train over 1,000 students annually to meet workforce needs in areas like farm management, veterinary services, and animal nutrition.

This investment will strengthen the regional agriculture economy, expand Iowa's skilled workforce, and support a key export industry. I urge the Committee to support this request, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations