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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman 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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request the Subcommittee provide \$153,725 from the Rural Development, Rural Housing Services, Community Facilities Grants account for the project titled "Growing Hope in Milford." The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Food Bank of Delaware, Inc. located at 222 Lake Drive, Newark, Delaware 19702. This project would create an essential community agriculture facility to support produce distribution to low-income Delawareans in rural communities. The project would provide essential equipment and irrigation development to facilitate the facility, in compliance with 7 U.S.C. 1926(a). The project would support distribution of nearly four million pounds of produce per year and support activities at the Delaware Veterans Home and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milford.

This project has a federal nexus as it is for the same purposes authorized in section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER Member of Congress