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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the purchase of a 54-acre industrial park site to establish an essential USDA-inspected meat processing facility in Carroll County, Virginia.

Sponsoring this project is the non-profit Blue Ridge Plateau Initiative located at 8784 Spring Valley Road, Fries VA 24330.

Funding would be used for the purchase of the industrial park site, which will enable Blue Ridge Plateau Initiative to pursue additional funding for the meat processing facility in the short term and establish additional important agricultural infrastructure in the long term to generate jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities in Southwest Virginia.

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because the purchase of this industrial park site, located at the crossroads of two major interstates, will no longer require livestock producers to ship outside of the region for their meat to be processed. Additionally, this facility will enable Appalachian regional producers to serve these same markets and customers while capturing an increased amount of the food dollar.

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

Sincerely,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress