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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  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Elam Farm Property Site Development in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Wise County, Virginia with offices located at 206 East Main Street, Wise, Virginia 24293.

The Elam Farm Property is a 203-acre industrial-zoned property owned by the Wise County Industrial Development Authority and located within the Lonesome Pine Regional Business & Technology Park. Building on a previous infrastructure development project, this funding would be used to complete construction and deliver the site to the pad-ready status desired by economic development prospects. Work will include earthwork, stormwater management controls, clearing and grubbing, seeding, erosion and sediment control, and other related construction activities.

The lack of contiguous flat developable land for industrial use is a major issue that limits commercial interest in the coalfield region of Southwest Virginia. The acquisition of the Elam Farm Property by the Wise County Industrial Development Authority in 2014 has attracted interest from new economic prospects, however, basic site development needs to take place before any prospect-specific construction can commence. It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because projects like this are critical to help these Appalachian coal communities transition their economy away from a reliance on the coal mining industry.

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

Sincerely,

H. Morgan Griffith  
Member of Congress