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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$3,100,000.00 for a Tazewell County Childcare Development Center for the County of Tazewell, Virginia project in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive this funding is Tazewell County, with offices located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because Tazewell, an Appalachian coal community, does not have sufficient licensed childcare capacity to meet the needs of working families, particularly in and around Bluefield. The County's population of approximately 40,000 residents includes nearly 1,900 children under the age of 5, yet only 663 licensed childcare slots are available across the County. Despite this concentration of young families, the number of state licensed childcare providers operating within the County remains limited in both size and geographic distribution.

The proposed Tazewell County Childcare Development Center project in Bluefield would add approximately 125-150 licensed childcare slots for children 6 months of age and older. A facility of this size would materially expand regulated childcare capacity within the County and provide a centralized location designed to serve families who currently face limited options.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a stylized "G".

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress