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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Hardee County, Florida's Courthouse Roof Replacement at The 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Courthouse in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners, located at 412 West Orange Street, Room 201, Wauchula, Florida, 33873. Allocation of funds would enable The 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Courthouse to remedy challenges of the deteriorating roof with the installation of a Modified Bitumen roof with 32-year no dollar limit manufacturer warranty, maintain the integrity and functionality of this essential facility and ensure a safer more conducive environment for staff and the public they serve.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by proactively addressing The 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court roof issue, Hardee County will strive to enhance the longevity and efficiency of this critical asset thereby reinforcing its significance in supporting the community, offering a safe environment for taxpayers while continuing Court operations.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the 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,



C. Scott Franklin

Member of Congress