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House Foreign Affairs Committee
Subcommittee on Europe
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House Space, Science, and
Technology Committee
Subcommittee on Research and
Technology

March 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,475,000 for the Rural Classroom and Extension Facility project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the University of Delaware, located at 62 The Green, Newark, DE.

The funding would be used to renovate and expand classroom and teaching laboratory facilities in Georgetown, DE to support workforce training in agriculture, healthcare, and teacher education while strengthening partnerships with local farmers and rural communities.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it leverages existing infrastructure and the University's statewide land-grant mission to deliver high-impact workforce training where it is most needed, reducing barriers for rural students who would otherwise face significant commuting or relocation costs to pursue higher education.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride', written in a cursive style.

Sarah McBride
Member of Congress