



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Colfax-Mingo Childcare Center project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Colfax, IA, located at 20 W Howard St Colfax, IA 50054.

The funding for this project will be used to create a facility designed to serve up to 140 children from infancy through school age. Programming will include care for infants through 18 months, two-year-olds, three-year-olds, four- and five-year-olds, and two preschool classrooms. In addition to full-day childcare services, the center will offer before and after-school care for elementary students. The design includes classrooms, a kitchen, staff spaces, and dedicated areas to support early learning and development.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a documented childcare shortage that directly impacts workforce participation, economic stability, and long-term community sustainability in a rural area.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
Member of Congress