



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

May 2, 2025

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 Newton YMCA Community Enhancement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is YMCA of Newton, Iowa Inc., located at 1701 S. 8th Ave East, Newton, IA 50208.

Funding for this project will be used to expand the existing Newton YMCA structure to allow for the childcare center to open an additional 50 spots within the current facility. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will expand childcare opportunities in Jasper County, promotes the health and well-being of residents, stimulates economic growth, enhances education and workforce opportunities for youth, and contributes to the overall prosperity of the community.

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,

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

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