



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

**TERRI A. SEWELL**  
ALABAMA, 7TH DISTRICT

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Black Belt Development and Conservation Resource Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of West Alabama, located at 100 N. Washington Street, Livingston, AL 35470. The funding would be used to improve an essential rural community facility which will house the Black Belt Development and Conservation Resource Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Center will infuse capital investment for job creation and job growth, renewed and sustained economic vitality, workforce and professional development training, resource consolidation, and business support in Alabama's western Black Belt region. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Terri A. Sewell  
Member of Congress