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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-310, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-130, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2.5 million in FY23 community project funds for the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA to construct an early learning childcare center. The construction of an early learning childcare center for ages 0-4 will directly improve the overall economic output in McMinn County through increased labor force participation and increased education and training. Increased labor force participation plays a direct role in economic growth through the increase in total employment, household earnings, and total economic output as childcare assists new workers enter the labor force or existing workers to work more hours. The early learning center would open up 200 spots for childcare in McMinn County and would drastically improve work readiness of citizens within the district. The center will be located next to the McMinn County Higher Education Center which features Cleveland State Community College and Tennessee College of Applied Technology and is right in the heart of our county's industrial park.

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

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann

Member of Congress