April 28, 2021

Hon. Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
2413 RHOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1026 LHOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Ringgold Child Care Center Re-Design Programming, Building and Outdoor Play Project. They are requesting $725,336 in funding.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ringgold County Child Care Center, located 302 N. Lincoln Street, Mount Ayr 50854.

The Ringgold County Child Care Center (RCCCC), a two story, approximately 9,000 SF Center located in Mount Ayr, IA was built in 1997. The Center currently serves 70 children, leases space to Mount Ayr Community School for a 4-year-old preschool program, and to Matura Head Start for their 3/4-year-old program. The basement of the facility was not equipped to serve the needs of this population. In addition, per State guidelines, another toddler restroom and hand washing sinks where diapering or toilet training would need to be constructed on the main level. Funding will be used for HVAC, plumbing and electrical fields, mechanical infrastructure upgrades, plumbing, furnace humidifiers, new ceiling grate and tile, office expansion, entryway remodel, washer and dryer, doors, door frames, hardware and closers, window replacement, removal of cracked concrete, and more.

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

Cindy Axne  
Member of Congress IA-03