

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4206

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515


Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a Greenhouse Complex for the purpose of agricultural education in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Tennessee Technological University located at the Tennessee Tech University Shipley Farm on 2390 Gainesboro Grade Rd, Cookeville, TN 38501.

The funding would be used to build a 10-acre Greenhouse Complex that will consist of 10 (25' x 25') greenhouses that will allow students and local farmers to learn the cutting-edge technology in farming. The proposed facility would have a dramatic effect on the education of TTU students and youth groups in the Upper Cumberland region and beyond. The 10-acre greenhouse complex will demonstrate cutting edge technology that is affordable at a small scale but also scalable. This will allow farmers in the 14 county Upper Cumberland region and TTU students the opportunity to learn different methods for producing greenhouse fruits and vegetables. Further, food product resulting from this educational experience will go to non-profits that serve those in need in the community. The estimated value of the product may very well be in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range.

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

Sincerely,



John Rose
Member of Congress