April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Monmouth College: Strengthening Education and Rural Communities by Preparing Teacher Leaders in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Monmouth College, located at 700 E. Broadway, Monmouth, Illinois 61462.

The funding would be used to strengthen and expand Monmouth College’s Rural Education Initiatives program (REDI). REDI houses three complementary educational initiatives: a rural teacher corps, a place-based education initiative focused on local agriculture, and a grow-your-own teacher pipeline program with embedded teachers-of-color recruitment and support. These initiatives will revitalize and stabilize rural communities through a strengthened rural education system that combats teacher shortage, increases representation of teachers of color in the field, and fosters student-community engagement.

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

Sincerely,

Cheri Bustos  
Member of Congress