April 29, 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 the Savanna Industrial Park Anaerobic Digester in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jo-Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority, located at 18901 B Street, Savanna, IL 61074.

This funding will be used to facilitate the construction of an anaerobic digestion facility at Savanna Industrial Park in rural NW Illinois to produce renewable natural gas from food waste, diverted landfill waste and other sources of organic waste, including agricultural biomass and Asian carp waste. The RNG produced by the facility will provide natural gas to the Savanna Industrial Park and its associated planned intermodal/multimodal developments to provide sustainable, climate-smart energy infrastructure for rural economic development and job creation in the region.

The Savanna Industrial Park was previously the site of an Army Depot. Savanna has struggled to attract businesses to invest in the area, particularly due to the lack of natural gas connection in the Industrial Park. Building out this capability will spur economic development and help revitalize a small town that is proud of its manufacturing and industrial roots but has been hit hard by the closure of its Army installation.

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

Sincerely,

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Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress