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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations 2358-A Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 2358-A Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Vision Atlantic's "Lakin Foundation Child Development Center of Atlantic" Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Vision Atlantic Inc., located at P.O. Box 344 621 Poplar Street Atlantic, Iowa 50022. The funding would be used for building a new child development center that will accommodate up to 300 kids ages 0-7 years old for childcare as well as house two preschool classrooms. This will provide childcare services to hundreds of families who are unable to find childcare at this time. The childcare facility in the community is currently full and has over sixty children on a waiting list. The Childcare Resource and Referral has deemed Atlantic and Cass County as a Childcare Desert. This facility will address the current and future needs of childcare in Atlantic and the surrounding communities. This child development center will provide a much-needed resource so that employers can hire a stable workforce that have children that have a spot and are well cared for.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)

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