

Congress of the United States

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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

2059 RAYBURN BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the St. Thomas Abattoir Renovation project in fiscal year 2025. The public entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 1 Estate Lower Love, Kingshill, St. Croix, VI 00851. The anticipated location of the project is Estate Nadir, Bovoni Road, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

The requested funding would be used by the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture to renovate its abattoir facility on St. Thomas and restore its full operational use for the benefit of farmers and the general community. At present, it is not functional due to structural deficiencies that present health and safety hazards. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will restore the abattoir by enhancing the structural integrity of the building and upgrading the refrigeration equipment to provide a sanitary, safe facility for livestock related commerce.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress