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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a the City of Murfreesboro to construct a Qualified Biogas Processing (QBP) Facility in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for the project is the City of Murfreesboro and the project is located at the corner of Butler Drive and Joe B. Jackson Parkway in Murfreesboro, TN 37127. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it has the capacity to support building out the U.S. biogas infrastructure, sustaining job creation, and is a viable way to contribute towards alternative fuel sources that could go into sustaining trillions of kilowatt hours of electricity, BTU renewable heat sources, or billions of gallons of fuel needed by consumers across our nation. Murfreesboro's proposed project supports the improvement of markets for recycled commodities through the development of SE3TM feedstock as a reusable byproduct which can be further processed to create RNG. Murfreesboro sees the QBP facility as having significant economic, environmental and energy benefits, both locally and nationally, with long-term sustainability implications.

The project has Federal nexus under the Environmental Protection Agency, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). 42 U.S. Code §6901.a.4 Congressional findings stipulates "that while the collection and disposal of solid wastes should continue to be primarily the function of State, regional, and local agencies, the problems of waste disposal as set forth above have become a matter national in scope and in concern and necessitate Federal action through financial and technical assistance and leadership in the development, demonstration, and application of new and improved methods and processes to reduce the amount of waste and unsalvageable materials and to provide for proper and economical solid waste disposal practices." Additionally, 42 U.S. Code §6902 identify "Objectives and national policy" that align with this project.

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

Sincerely,

Scott DesJarlais