

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0403

April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

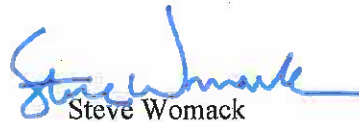
I respectfully am requesting funding for the Friends of the Berryville Library, Inc.'s Berryville Public Library in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Friends of the Berryville Library, Inc. The foundation's address is 104 Spring Street, Berryville, AR 72616.

The Friends of the Berryville Library, Inc.—a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization—launched a \$2.5 million capital campaign to build a new 10,000-square-foot building on land donated for this purpose by the City of Berryville. With strong support from local businesses, individuals, and families, the Friends are well on their way to meeting this goal, an unprecedented private fundraising goal for our community. This additional investment of \$1,000,000 will allow the project to proceed on schedule, despite the soaring costs of construction in our pandemic-afflicted economy. The project would support the building of a new public library facility in Berryville, Arkansas. The Berryville Library is a regional hub serving citizens in several counties across northwest Arkansas and southern Missouri. By engaging all sectors of society and connecting everyone with educational programs, employment assistance, and e-resources that are not available anywhere else nearby, the library is a key part of uplifting individuals and building a stronger, more resilient, digitally connected, and economically empowered rural community.

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

Sincerely,



Steve Womack

Member of Congress