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The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

I write in support of the application submitted by Corning Community College (CCC) for funding from the Rural Economic Development Loan Program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. This funding will help with the renewal and expansion of existing facilities on the Spencer Hill campus in Corning, NY.

Founded in 1956, Corning Community College serves life-long learners in the Southern Tier of New York State by providing access to high-quality, affordable transfer, career, and workforce development educational opportunities. Today, the college encompasses a 550-acre main campus on Spencer Hill with a complex of eight buildings plus an observatory and planetarium.

The requested funding would be used to renovate and expand existing facilities on the college's main campus. Specifically, CCC plans to renovate the Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. Library, the Student Commons building, and the Gymnasium, along with constructing an addition to the Library the opening of a brand new residence hall on campus this fall, and other upgrades required by the college. These new facilities bring exciting opportunities for serving students in the Southern Tier region and will draw additional students to the college and the region.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Andrew Usyk at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
United States Senator