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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
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2039 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Project Funding Request for Crestmont Community Outreach
83-2479368 / First Baptist Church of Crestmont**

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting \$75,000 in funding for the Razing of Blighted Building project in fiscal year 2024 through the Housing - CDBG, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Crestmont Community Outreach 83-2479368 / First Baptist Church of Crestmont, located at 1678 Fairview Avenue, Willow Grove, PA, 19090.

First Baptist Church of Crestmont currently seeks to raze a blighted building on their property (1681 Fairview Ave, Willow Grove, PA). The property outside of that building is used for many reasons, one being a place where neighborhood children wait for their school bus. They would like to build a parking lot and playground on this lot of land once the building comes down. It would create parking for their non-profit (Crestmont Community Outreach 83-2479368), the church, and for community members utilizing the property. In addition they would like to install LED lighting on the property as a crime deterrent.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as this important project will have a big impact on the residents of Willow Grove, an historically underserved neighborhood in Abington Township. Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) studies show that built environments create safer neighborhoods. Safer neighborhoods spur on growth and development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Safer Communities Act and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress