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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
HUD, and Related Agencies  
2039 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Project Funding Request for Cheltenham Township**

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting \$3,828,500 in funding for the La Mott Community Center Restoration & Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2024 through the Housing - CDBG, Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

The entity to receive funding for this project is Cheltenham Township, located at 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA, 19027.

If funded, this project will help rehabilitate and restore this facility to allow it to provide safe, modern community services and programs. This project will enable the community center to reopen more fully, providing employment, particularly for residents and businesses who staff the library, clean and maintain the building, and provide program support. Prior to the pandemic, three full-time employees and dozens of part-time, seasonal and contract employees were required to operate this facility. Almost all of these employees were furloughed.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will revitalize and rehabilitate a once vibrant and important hub for this historically underserved community, that has had to shut down due to it falling into disrepair. This is not just a community center, but a multi-functional center that connects people to programs and services, as well as being an important historical site that once brought a great sense of community and pride. This center serves young and old with programs for families, children, adolescents, and senior citizens.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5) as this project involves the construction/reconstruction/rehabilitation of a community facility with the purpose of creating a

modern, safe, efficient facility that will serve many residents of the community, including and especially seniors and handicapped persons.

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