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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Abington Township Public Library Main Branch Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Project Phase 1: Demolition in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Township of Abington, located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001.

The funding would be used to fund Phase 1 of the Township's plan to build a new library. This phase involved the demolition of the current library to make preparation for a new building scaled to meet the rising need of the 60,000 residents of Abington and Rockledge, over 33% of whom qualify as low-income based on HUD guidelines. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the library is an aging facility housed in a former department store built in the 1930's. Given the ever-changing and increasing needs of the community and the state of the building, Abington Township plans to build a new, 21st century library building that can flexibly accommodate those needs for generations to come. The cost of maintaining this aging structure is significant, totaling more than \$162,000 since January 2021. Despite massive rehabilitation projects, large-scale issues persist and require library closure for repairs several times a year.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress

