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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 the Rowland Community Center Renovation Project Phase 2 in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cheltenham Township, located at 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027.

The funding would be used for the next phase of the Rowland Community Center Renovation Project and will address electrical and mechanical systems and provide ADA-compliant restrooms, as this is the next highest priority for this facility. These upgrades will improve accessibility, safety, and energy efficiency while ensuring the building meets modern building standards. Future phases will be planned out, as best as possible, to enable some functionality of the building as renovations are completed so residents can continue to access community programming throughout the redevelopment process.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Community Center supports social and cultural connections that create and maintain the vibrancy and cherished "small town" feel of Cheltenham Village, and Cheltenham as a whole. It serves as a small employment center, offering a small number of valued full, part time, and seasonal jobs -- teens serving as camp counselors, seniors serving as library or community center aids, and professional library and recreational staff -- that prepare youth for future careers and provide seniors with an opportunity to remain socially engaged. Through the Township's library system and strong recreation team, the Community Center will once again be able to offer opportunities for residents to engage in educational opportunities including workforce readiness, youth programming, and lifelong learning initiatives that strengthen economic mobility.

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,

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