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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
1306 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Montgomery County Housing Authority (MCHA)'s Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative (AHPI) in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Montgomery County Housing Authority located at 104 West Main Street, Suite 1, Norristown, PA, 19401.

The funding would be used for proposed projects at three of MCHA's High-Rise structures designed for older adults and people with disabilities, as follows: Marshall Lee Towers in Conshohocken, design and remediate all known environmental conditions within 17 units currently impacted by other construction projects and introduce ADA-accessible features in all 17 units. Sidney Pollock House in Pottstown, replace first-floor windows and exterior doors. Within the common area, paint and replace flooring and handrails. Upgrade the aging boiler that provides heat and install new water heaters and thermostats in all 102 units. Golden Age Manor in Royersford, replace the aging roof on the building that contains 85 residential units. Expand the residential unit count by redesigning currently underutilized space to create two new fully ADA residential units and other interior and exterior ADA improvements to serve the entire building. Paint common areas and replace handrails and lighting.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this is a program designed to strategically invest in our Public Housing portfolio to extend the useful life of critical operating systems and preserve and expand this critical affordable housing asset for future generations. The constituency for AHPI is the low-income households served by the MCHA within our Public Housing portfolio, including veterans, older residents, victims of domestic violence, and people with disabilities, specifically located in the Boroughs of Conshohocken, Pottstown, and Royersford. The proposed multi-million-dollar investments will create job opportunities for various trade and design professionals. AHPI is an outstanding use of taxpayer resources because it contributes to housing resources for an extremely vulnerable population within our society and helps reduce homelessness by providing decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities while increasing the housing supply and improving housing affordability in

Montgomery County, PA. It will also remove material and architectural barriers restricting the mobility and accessibility of older residents and people with disabilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 USC 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 blue highlight behind the text.

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress