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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 Maurice Stephens House project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Montgomery, located at 104 West Main Street, Norristown, PA, 19401

The funding would be used to construct an addition to the Valley Forge Park Maurice Stephens House, the new location of the park's main office. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is consistent with the goals and primary objective of the community development program due to the transformation of the Maurice Stephen's House property with demolition, rehabilitation; blight removal, construction, and capital improvements to ensure the site will benefit residents and visitors and in turn the local economy.

Over 2 million people visit the Valley Forge National Park annually, and they estimate reaching half of these visitors (1 million individuals) once the office is relocated to the Grand Parade and café is open to attract visitors. They anticipate providing programs to 5,000 participants in the first year of operation following the completion of the campaign, an increase of more than 250%.

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,



Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress