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March 27, 2026

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 City Ave District Community Revitalization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion, located at 1 Belmont Avenue, Suite 700, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

The funding would be used for the acquisition and rehabilitation of property on Bala Avenue. The project is aligned with Lower Merion Township's economic development goals and the Board of Commissioners' priorities, particularly in "Energizing the Bala Avenue commercial area." These improvements will not only enhance the district's aesthetic appeal but will also attract more businesses and consumers. In redevelopment projects such as this, federal dollars are often crucial in helping to initiate economic development activity. As part of its efforts to encourage economic development along this vital corridor, City Ave District believes that acquisition and redevelopment of property along Bala Avenue would be a vital step forward in its revitalization. City Ave District completed a Retail Strategy Plan for Bala Avenue, which included interviews elected officials, business owners, and residents. The outcomes of the plan provide a framework for recruitment once the buildings are rehabilitated.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Bala Avenue has been designated as a Main Street by Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development. It is the sole designated Main Street in Montgomery County. As part of its five-year plan as a Main Street, an emphasis was placed on improving the visual aesthetic for businesses. This includes the rehabilitation of existing buildings.

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, flowing style.

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress