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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Community Education Building - Youth Development Center project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community Education Building, Corp., located at 1200 N. French Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. The funding would be used for the construction of the Youth Development Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant program, the Youth Development Center will have clear economic development benefits by providing the facilities for youth and adults to access pipeline workforce development programs. The project will also meet a compelling local need for a community space that is safe where youth can come after school for mentorship and learning, further contributing to the community environment by reducing youth violence.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 5305(a)(2), and Section 5305(a)(4) of 42 U.S.C., the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER Member of Congress