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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 **Committed to the Future of Our Community: St. Michael's Renovation and Expansion** project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the St. Michael's School and Nursery, located at **700 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington**, **DE 19801**. The funding would be used for the **replacement of aging building components**, **replacement of aging mechanical and electrical systems, upgrades to building energy performance, and building design and renovation to increase operational efficiencies**. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the **project help address the compelling local needs of an underserved community on the East Side of Wilmington by supporting safer and expanded learning spaces and workforce development facilities. These capital upgrades, consistent with the authorized purposes of the Community Development Block Grant program will help develop a strong community, expand economic opportunity, and spur economic growth now and in the long-term.** 

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