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

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Lombard Street Redevelopment Project in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Central Baptist Community Development Corporation located at 839 N Pine St, Wilmington, DE 19801.

The long-vacant church building at 10th and Lombard will be redeveloped to include affordable, high-quality apartments in the Eastside neighborhood. A 5-unit complex will be built on the existing parking lot (funded by Delaware State Housing Authority). The church building will be redeveloped to include at least five units of beautiful affordable apartments. We anticipate the ground level will house our Workforce Development Program and Trade School, along with space for our partner Culture Restoration Project who provide youth programming. However, we are also considering a second site for the Workforce Development and CRP. If that second site is chosen, we'll make the highest best use of ground level on the 10th and Lombard location, probably additional affordable housing.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER Member of Congress