## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Mashington, DC 20515–3008

## March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the East Newark Recreation Center in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of East Newark at 34 Sherman Avenue, East Newark, NJ 07029 which will be administering the grant for East Newark Recreation Center. The funding would be used to upgrade one of the few community spaces in the borough, provide a space for community classes and activities, add an ADA accessible bathroom and elevator, and install solar panels. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would increase the amount of community space in a densely packed municipality.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C 5305(a)(2); 5305(a)(4); 5305(a)(5)).

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

Sincerely,

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Robert J. Menendez Member of Congress