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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Campus Expansion Project at 780 Salem Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Elizabeth Development Company, located at 205 1st Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07206. The funding would be used renovate two existing buildings and establish one new building, ensuring they are ADA-accessible and providing expanded space for a bevy of youth-oriented programs. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce blight in an underserved community and allow more children to access programs that improve social, emotional, and academic outcomes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 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