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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Howard County Housing Commission's *Artists Flats Apartments* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Anne Arundel County, Maryland, located at 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, this funding would be used for construction of affordable housing units that will provide low-income and workforce housing in Howard County. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because building these units will help provide affordable housing in the county and continue to contribute to economic and community development in the area. This project was previously included in the FY 2025 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and/or 5305(a)(4). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Elfreth".

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Anne Arundel County's *Crownsville Meyer Building Rehabilitation* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Anne Arundel County, Maryland, located at 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, this funding would be used for blight removal in order to remediate and rehabilitate the Meyer Building, a structure at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. This building is the staple building on the grounds, and potential partnerships after this initial blight removal process could be the County's Office of Veteran Affairs or for future veteran housing, as well as many other services spanning community and economic development or substance use intervention. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because removing the blight will kick-start the county's ability to utilize the building for economic and community development needs.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Howard County's *Ensuring Public Safety During Storms* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Howard County, Maryland, located at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21044.

If awarded, this funding would be used to renovate a community center in North Laurel and a Senior Center in Elkridge so they can serve as warming/cooling centers or emergency shelters during disasters and power outages. The project would focus on energy efficiency and independence in the form of solar arrays and battery storage. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because its renovation will lead to community safety and security in the event of natural disasters while reducing the strain on the power grid during peak times.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's *Establishment of Leadership Offices in Annapolis* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maryland Center of Environmental Science, Maryland, located at 2020 Horns Point Road, Cambridge, MD 21613.

If awarded, this funding would be used to renovate the new consolidated headquarters of UMCES, with a focus on layout changes to accommodate office and programming needs, as well as cyberinfrastructure. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because renovating the new HQ will allow for partnerships with business and nonprofits leaders, as well as research programming focused on water quality, invasive species, fisheries, and more. All of this will lead to sustainable and increased economic and community development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), and/or 5305(a)(4). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Howard County's *Guilford Road Pedestrian / Bicycle Improvements, Phase 3* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Howard County, Maryland, located at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City MD.

If awarded, this funding would be used to construct a 1.1 mile length of shared use path along Guilford Road, between Oakland Mills Road and Carroll Height Avenue. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Guilford Road is a vital corridor for pedestrian and bicycle activity in Howard County, and the shared use path will address significant safety concerns.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 23 U.S.C. 133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Maryland Department of Transportation's *MD-99 Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maryland Department of Transportation, located at 7201 Corporate Center Boulevard, Hanover, MD 21076.

If awarded, this funding would be used to complete design of pedestrian connectivity improvements in Ellicott City, which seeks to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility along the MD 99 corridor from Rogers Ave to Mount Hebron High school. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because its completion will ensure pedestrian (namely, students) safety along the road. This project was previously included in the FY 2025 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 23 U.S.C. 133. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Mount Airy's *Saving the Flat Iron, Phase 2* project in the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Mount Airy, located at 110 South Main Street, PO Box 50, Mount Airy, MD 21771.

If awarded, this funding would be used to stabilize and update the Flat Iron Building, enabling the Town to offer expanded uses. Once the renovations are complete, the Town would be able to use the building for a myriad of services, including community events, educational showcases, local heritage programming, small business and retail shops, and much more. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because its renovation will lead to significant economic and cultural returns for the Town and County.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4) and/or 5205(a)(5). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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