Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-3215

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307, 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 Concourse Village Podium Repairs in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is New York State Housing Finance Agency, located at 775 Concourse Village East, Bronx, New York 10451.

The funding would be used to repair the podium structure that supports six high rise residential towers of affordable cooperative housing for moderate to low-income families. Concourse Village is also home to an active community center servicing the community at large. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because without the needed repairs to the podium, over 5,000 individuals, mostly senior citizens, will become homeless should the development continue to structurally degrade.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Ritchie Torres

Member of Congress