

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3215

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Concourse Village Mail System Modernization in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is New York State Housing Finance Agency, located at 641 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10022.

The funding would be used to replace an outdated mailbox system across six residential high-rise buildings at Concourse Village, a Mitchell-Lama affordable housing development serving 1,844 families in the South Bronx. The existing infrastructure has been in place since the 1960s and no longer meets USPS code requirements. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it protects one of the South Bronx's largest affordable homeownership communities from a critical service disruption. Failure to act risks rendering the development functionally uninhabitable and jeopardizing the housing stability and investments of homeowners in one of the most economically disadvantaged congressional districts in the nation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by and consistent with the goals of one or more of the following eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 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,



Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress

