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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Bennett Elementary School Renovation project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Detroit Public Schools Community District, located at 16164 Asbury Park, Detroit, MI 48235.

Detroit Public Schools Community District is requesting funding for renovations to Bennett Elementary School including a new roof, energy-efficient window replacements, upgraded doors, and renovation of the school's auditorium, a central space used for student performances, assemblies, family engagement, and community gatherings.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens a long-standing neighborhood school as a safe, accessible, and modern community asset that supports both daily learning and broader community use. Bennett Elementary serves a deeply engaged, multilingual population and functions as a central gathering space for students, families, and partners. However, key building systems and shared spaces no longer meet current standards for safety, accessibility, or functionality, limiting the school's ability to fully support those it serves.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Rashida Tlaib
Member of Congress