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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 City of Dearborn Civic Center Expansion (FPAC) project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Dearborn, located at 16901 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan 48126.

The requested funding would be used to expand the capacity of the Civic Center through the construction of new multi-purpose recreational space, infrastructure improvements, and facility enhancements that support youth athletics, community programming, and regional events.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Civic Center currently serves more than 220,000 visitors annually and is operating at full capacity during peak hours. The proposed expansion will allow the City to meet growing demand for youth recreation and community programming while supporting local economic activity. By enabling the facility to host additional tournaments, leagues, and community gatherings, the project will bring visitors into the district and increase economic activity for nearby small businesses.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), which allows for the construction and improvement of public facilities and infrastructure that support community development and economic opportunity.

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