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Chairman Tom Cole
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

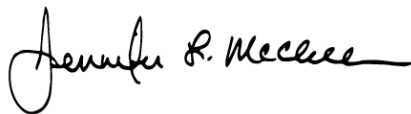
I am requesting funding for the T.B. Smith Community Center Redevelopment project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Richmond, located at City Hall, 900 E Broad St, Richmond, VA 23129. The funding would be used to would rehabilitate an outdated community center in one of the City's lowest-income neighborhoods into a childcare facility, meeting one of Central Virginia's critical workforce needs and supporting the neighborhood's revitalization.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because once completed, the final 10,000 sq. ft. facility will, among other things, house a state-of-the-art early childhood care and education program to be operated by a community-based provider with a track record of quality programming. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,



Jennifer L. McClellan
Member of Congress