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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Repurposing the Gymnasium at the Pease Elementary School facility for use as a Community Support and Economic Advancement Center project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Austin Independent School District, located at 4000 S. Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78704.

The funding would be used by Austin ISD to support the repurposing of the Gymnasium at Pease facility into the Community Support and Economic Advancement Center. The Pease facility will also house a high-quality, affordable Early Learning Center with outdoor and indoor learning environments. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because funding this project will support economic growth and development by increasing access to education and training for potential workforce, bridging the gap between current employee supply to future employment needs while providing real-time access and navigation to family stability resources and basic needs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Lloyd Doggett