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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the McPherson Square Library Renovation Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Philadelphia – Rebuilding Community Infrastructure (“Rebuild”), located at 1515 Arch Street, Mezzanine, Philadelphia, PA 19102. The funding would be used for critical repairs to portions of McPherson Square Library, located in the Kensington neighborhood of the City of Philadelphia.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because McPherson Square Library serves as a central public space used by local residents in the Kensington neighborhood of my congressional district. The library hosts a myriad of educational and community oriented programming that is invaluable to local residents, particularly children. The programs and services provided by the library are particularly important to the surrounding neighborhood because Kensington has been acutely affected by the ongoing opioid crisis, in addition to being impacted by high poverty rates and some of the lowest median household incomes in the City of Philadelphia. With McPherson Library being over 100 years old, these urgently needed repairs will ensure this public space is available to local residents for many years to come.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendan F. Boyle".

Brendan F. Boyle  
Member of Congress