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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Frankford Transportation Center Transit Oriented Development Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Frankford Community Development Corporation ("Frankford CDC"), located at The Daral Building, 4667-69 Paul Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124. The funding would be used for a portion of the construction of a Frankford CDC owned and leased community building that is intended to ultimately serve as a grocery store servicing the surrounding neighborhood.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because for many years, the Frankford neighborhood of Philadelphia where this project will be anchored has suffered from various forms of divestment, resulting in limited economic opportunity and high rates of poverty and crime. Additionally, due to these and other factors, Frankford has lacked any large scale grocery store since 2016, resulting in a large food desert for local residents and limiting access to fresh food. This project would ensure that residents are once again able to obtain groceries locally and without the burden of travelling long distances, all while creating new jobs and stimulating local economic activity.

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