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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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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 Franklin Square Lighting Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Historic Philadelphia, Inc., located at 601 Walnut Street, Ste 130E, Philadelphia, PA 19106. The funding would be used for the reconstruction of Franklin Square's public lighting infrastructure.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the lighting in Franklin Square, a public space and park that is the only notable greenspace in proximity to Philadelphia's underserved Chinatown neighborhood, has not been updated in nearly twenty years. This project would result in the installation of energy efficient LED lighting that would not only enhance the Square's appearance, but would increase safety and security for the public during evening hours by providing more complete illumination of the Square and surrounding area. This reconstruction project will meet a compelling local need consistent with statutory purposes.

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