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March 31, 2023

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  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Vision for Historic Philadelphia Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Independence Historical Trust, located at 143 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. The funding would be used to invest in streetscape improvements in the areas near 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Race Street near Philadelphia's Old City and Chinatown neighborhoods.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the area spanning from the City of Philadelphia's Franklin Square on Race Street, around the corner South on 6<sup>th</sup> Street leading to Independence National Historical Park is a heavily trafficked pedestrian route, both for local residents and for tourists. Both Race Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street are wide, heavily trafficked roads that are hazardous for pedestrians, and lack any continual visual connection to Philadelphia's nearby historic areas. This funding would introduce not only streetscape improvements to make these areas more pedestrian friendly, but would introduce new public space for use by residents, improved lighting and benches, among other investments, enhancing both the appearance of this area as well as visibility, safety and security.

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