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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 for the Chattanooga Convention Center Revitalization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chattanooga, located at 101 E. 11th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. The funding would be used by the city to revitalize the convention center, which will expand the scope of Chattanooga's tourism economy that already generates enough money to support government operations and save taxpayers an estimated \$1,200 per household per year, according to state estimates. The bigger conventions and larger number of visitors supported by an expanded convention center will drive more prosperity in the hospitality industry, including hotels and restaurants, as well as generating expanded demand for Chattanooga's growing airport. To continue Chattanooga's upward trajectory in economic growth and benefit the entire community, the convention center will need to be expanded.

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

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

Sincerely,

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress