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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 million for the James A. Henry Building in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee located at 101 E. 11th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. The James A. Henry Building Hub anchors Chattanooga's One Westside plan, a joint city/county project which will break up concentrated poverty on the city's westside, rebuilding aging public housing units into a series of mixed-income, live-work-play facilities that will welcome residents from all walks of life. The new facility will include a 117-seat Head Start facility for young children. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will offer various community-serving amenities, including after-school and summer programming for youths, a computer training lab, medical and behavioral services, a food pantry, incubator space for small businesses, exhibit space for community-created art, culture, and history, as well as flexible multipurpose space for educational, social, and recreational activities for all ages, with access to medical and behavioral services.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 5305(a)(2) – the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements.

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

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress