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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ambridge Regional Senior Wellness and Recreational Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Ambridge, located at 600 11th Street Ambridge, PA 15003. The funding would be used to create an integrated venue (The Center) accessible to All Ambridge citizens and surrounding Pennsylvania's regardless of age, race, ethnicity, and physical capabilities. The Center will be a complete wellness facility for all ages "cradle to grave" with a mission focused on 3 pillars: Mind, Body, & Spirit. The Borough will repurpose a former 12+ acre Brownfield site into a regional asset that will promote economic development & tourism opportunities for the Borough of Ambridge and the surrounding region of Western Pennsylvania.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Ambridge Borough in Beaver County is home to 6824 residents, 21 churches that represent a diverse ethnic fabric of its citizenry, four public parks, countless unique specialty shops, a National Historic Landmark and Old Economy Village. Ambridge began as a steel town from 1905 and remnants of old steel mills dot the landscape of the borough. Ambridge has been diligently undertaking projects to bring back the borough back to a resemblance of its heyday, including the gradual restoration of Merchant Street, the traditional downtown commercial area running for several blocks through the heart of town. With almost 15% of the population 65 or older, Ambridge wants a facility that can provide comprehensive services and activities for its elderly citizens, and a place where seniors and families can gather and visit. In addition, there is a strong desire to also serve the younger generation (ages 6-25) providing them the quality-of-life aspects that help contribute to a healthy lifestyle. We really envision this Center to provide a space for all ages from "cradle to grave". We also believe this facility can help provide economic development in the region and promote tourism as the Center can attract various recreational tournaments and civic events.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Christopher R. Deluzio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C".

Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress