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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 Mount Lebanon Community Recreation Center Accessibility Upgrades and Facility Expansion in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mount Lebanon Municipality, located at 710 Washington Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. The funding would be used to comprehensively upgrade and expand the existing facility, ensuring it remains a vibrant hub for the community's recreational needs accessible to all users. The enhancements will encompass a variety of areas, including the physical infrastructure, amenities, and services provided. Currently, the existing facility lacks accessible interior connectivity, presenting challenges for individuals with mobility impairments and impacting the participation of community members with disabilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center was built in the 1970s and was not designed for accessibility. The ground floor is not connected by elevator or publicly accessible interior stairway to the upper floor. Currently, to access the upper floor community rooms, patrons must climb a sloped walkway outside the building that does not meet ADA accessibility standards for grade. This project would install an interior elevator and public stairwell to connect the ground floor entrance with the second-floor community rooms. Mt. Lebanon Community Recreation Center Accessibility Upgrades and Facility Expansion Project is a crucial initiative designed to meet the diverse needs of the Mt. Lebanon community, situated in a dense suburban area surrounded by similar communities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 503(a)(2).

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

Very respectfully,

Chris Deluzio

Member of Congress