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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 McKees Rocks Opportunity Campus Boiler and Tank Building project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC), located at 436 7th Avenue, Suite 500, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

The funding would be used to renovate an historic anchor property in the community's brownfield site. Then activate it as a workforce development hub with a mix of customized skills training and family-sustaining employment.

The project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this workforce development hub will facilitate skills-training and family-sustaining employment in a community immersed in pervasive and deep generational poverty. The community's median income is roughly half of that of Allegheny County, over 50% of the children in McKees Rocks live below the poverty line, and McKees Rocks and Stowe rank 1 and 2 in infant mortality among African American mothers. Gun violence has also been a persistent threat to community safety and stability as McKees Rocks until 2025 ranked #1 in gun violence statewide. This effort not only helps to rebuild from within but to make the community attractive to new outside investment. This investment is also sorely needed by the municipality and school district who have seen their tax base shrink dramatically during this period of decline, making it nearly impossible to fund essential infrastructure and services.

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

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 cursive script that reads "Christopher R. Deluzio".

Chris Deluzio