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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Blight Remediation Throughout Westmoreland County project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland, located at 40 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601. The funding would be used to acquire and demolish blighted properties across the seven hardest-hit municipalities in Westmoreland County, specifically targeting areas outside of existing ARPA-qualified census tracts. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will stabilize neighborhoods, increase surrounding property values, grow the local tax base by returning properties to tax rolls, and create employment opportunities through contract work. The project will use a proven model for turning tax-delinquent properties into active, tax-generating economic assets to achieve sustainable revitalization and a fiscal return for the county.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Summer L. Lee
Member of Congress