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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Downtown Office-to-Housing Conversion Initiative – Pittsburgh, PA in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, located at 412 Boulevard of the Allies, Suite 901, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

The funding would be used to provide construction gap financing for four office-to-residential conversion projects in Downtown Pittsburgh, adaptively reusing vacant office buildings to create affordable housing and revitalize the city's core. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses both a severe affordable housing shortage and a surge in commercial vacancy, while strengthening the regional tax base and supporting local economic recovery.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Summer L. Lee
Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District