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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 "CREATE PA Training Center" project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, located in the Koppers Building on 436 Seventh Ave., Suite 500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Funds would be used to work with the Pittsburgh Film Office and RIDC on construction of the CREATE PA training center. CREATE PA, Pittsburgh Film Office's inclusive creative sector workforce training program, offers in-demand workforce training programs, which prepare individuals for placement in high paying careers, including wardrobe assistant, GRIP, set electrical worker, shop craft, and entertainment hair and makeup. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses workforce development programs aimed at providing opportunities to low-income individuals and it concerns the clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements. Moreover, this project will help revitalize Pittsburgh's thriving film industry, which saw major drops in employment due to the covid-19 pandemic.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Summer Lee
Member of Congress