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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
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 Prospect Center Campus Affordable Housing (located at 585 Himes Avenue, Frederick, MD 21703) project in the Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation, Housing & Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Frederick County Government, located at 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

If awarded, this funding would be used to catalyze the development of affordable housing at the Prospect Center. Frederick County acquired the site in 2021 with plans to house a 911 center, an emergency operations center, and several County agencies. Adjacent to the existing building, which is scheduled to be renovated to accommodate public services, Frederick County intends to develop an affordable housing project, as workforce or senior housing. It is anticipated that the use of funding will enable the county and eventual developer to offer units to lower-income households. This will help address housing instability in the county. In fact, the 2023 United Way ALICE report indicates that 36% of County residents are either at or below the ALICE threshold, meaning they cannot meet a "survival budget," and the cost of housing is a main contributor to this trend.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Trone".

David Trone
Member of Congress