## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-2501

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rose DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the The Northside Youth and Senior Service Center Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of St. Louis, Missouri, located at 1200 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. The funding would be used for the construction of a new 15,000-square-foot, two-story facility in The Ville neighborhood of North St. Louis City, allowing the Northside Youth and Senior Service Center to provide an expanded range of services, including youth programs, senior nutrition and transportation, and intergenerational programming. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it directly supports a long-established, high-impact nonprofit organization that is the leading provider of home-delivered meals and transportation for seniors in North St. Louis. A new, purpose-built building will enable Northside to expand its services, operate more efficiently, and deliver its mission with greater efficiency and accessibility.

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,

Wesley Bell

Member of Congress