

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2501

April 30, 2025

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 Plaza @ 501 Development in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Ferguson, Missouri, located at 110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135. The funding would be used for a downtown Ferguson renovation initiative that will establish a permanent venue for the Ferguson Farmers Market, create additional parking for local businesses, and add amenities including a fully accessible playground, splash pad, restroom facilities, and a space for concerts and community events.. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly enhances community engagement, economic development, and public accessibility in downtown Ferguson.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W3mP', likely representing Wesley Bell.

Wesley Bell
Member of Congress