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March 26, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the City of Paterson Senior Center Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Paterson located at 155 Market St., Paterson, NJ 07505. The project is located at 165 5th Ave., Paterson, NJ 07524.

The purpose of this funding is to support the renovation of the Riverside Vets Center, which serves as Paterson's only dedicated senior center. The Riverside Vets Center is an aging building that requires significant renovations to properly serve the senior citizen population of Paterson. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the City of Paterson to provide and improve access to the center for its vulnerable senior citizen population because of the renovations, it will also support current and new recreational programming and services. Repairing the damaged facility will ensure that senior citizens and caregivers can safely enter and exit the senior center without potentially sustaining an injury. Furthermore, the addition of an elevator and basement ramp will allow seniors of all abilities to more easily travel between the multiple floors of the building.

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 neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nellie Pou".

Nellie Pou  
Member of Congress