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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 funding for the County of Passaic Lambert Castle Library & Research Facility Renovation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Passaic located at 401 Grand Street, Room 524, Paterson, NJ. The project location is at 3 Valley Road, Paterson, NJ 07503.

The purpose of this project is to renovate one of the current buildings at the Lambert Castle facility to serve as a community library, archival, and community programming and education building. The renovated building will serve as a community library and importantly provide programming to members of the community and visitors.

The project is an acceptable and important use of taxpayer funds because it will provide the community and visitors with new facilities to offer education, programming, exhibitions, and cultural and community events. Moreover, given construction and renovation elements of the project, it will also provide new job opportunities for those within the district.

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