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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rose DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1016 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Springfield Jewish Community Center: Child Care Facility Improvements project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jewish Community Center, located at 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108. The funding would be used for the rehabilitation and expansion of early childhood and school-aged childcare spaces. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because expanding capacity of early childhood and school-aged childcare supports working families, the economy, and society for decades to come.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

Pursuant to House rule XXIII, clause 17, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress