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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center Revitalization and ADA Compliance in the fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for the project is Middle Tennessee State University, located at 1301 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The Murphy Center is the largest public-use facility in Rutherford County, one of the nation's fastest-growing communities. Funds will be utilized to improve accessibility and address ADA issues in a 50+ year old facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as the need for continued improvement to the region's aging infrastructure become increasingly critical to the region's growth; support for the community's cultural, civic and community facility are vital. The improvements to the facility, coupled with projected improvements in the surrounding traffic infrastructure, will ensure continued access and utilization of the community's largest public space.

As part of the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN Metropolitan Statistical Area, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and the City of Murfreesboro have experienced unprecedented growth over the past 20 years. With over 20,000 students and more than 3000 faculty and staff, the University is effectively a discreet community within the city's boundaries. Coupled with the City's population growth, now exceeding 165,000 (a more than 200% increase since the 2000 census), this project would provide strategic investments in infrastructure are now required to meet the community demands for community facilities.

The project has a Federal nexus as it is consistent with the purposes outlined in 42 USC 5305.

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 "Scott DesJarlais". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping arch over the name.

Scott DesJarlais