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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa 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 Vacant to Vibrant Program in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government located at 601 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202.

The funding would be used for the demolition of derelict properties to clear the way for the construction of affordable housing units. The repurposing of these sites for affordable housing directly addresses the pressing need for housing options throughout the city of Louisville, benefiting residents in terms of quality of life and economic opportunity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow Louisville to transform underutilized urban spaces into thriving neighborhoods. By converting blighted areas into valuable housing, this project not only enhances neighborhood safety and property values but also increases accessibility to affordable homes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4) of the Economic Development Initiative.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Morgan McGarvey Member of Congress