Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

May 16, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named the "City of Falls Church Affordable Housing Acquisition Strike Fund" in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Falls Church, located at 300 Park Avenue, Suite 203E, 22046.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help slow the decline in the availability of affordable housing units in the City of Falls Church. The shortage of affordable housing in Falls Church has accelerated over time, with an additional 193 affordable rental units projected to be lost by 2028.

The City of Falls Church will utilize the awarded funds to establish a housing acquisition strike fund, which would be used to purchase quadruplex apartments in the Virginia Village subdivision of Falls Church and preserve them as affordable units. Virgina Village is one of the few remaining subdivisions with market rate affordable areas in the city. These acquisitions will be done in partnership with a regional non-profit housing corporation. To date, the City has acquired five quadplexes with a combination of local funds and a Virginia Housing grant to the City.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Donald S. Beve