

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named "The Square at 511 – Preservation" in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 301 King Street, Alexandria VA 22314.

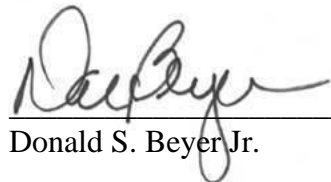
This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will extend the useful life of a building that is an important source of affordable housing for the neighborhood of Arlandria in the City of Alexandria and lower the utility costs for 196 households. The project is located in a low-income and diverse neighborhood whose working-class residents support critical sectors of the local and regional economies, including construction, hospitality, retail, and personal services. The high cost of housing and ongoing threat of displacement and gentrification are among the Arlandria neighborhood's greatest challenges, especially with nearby development such as Amazon HQ2, the Potomac Yard metro, and the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus.

The scope of work includes the modernization of three elevators, a replacement of the building's windows, and an update to the building's plumbing system. If awarded, the project will leverage other private and public investments to deepen affordability for additional units at the property and ensure that existing residents are not displaced or priced out, as well as enabling households at lower incomes to be eligible to remain in the community.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(2) as the renovations of The Square at 511 include involves the reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of eligible facilities.

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

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.