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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Cole:


I am requesting funding for the **West Bronx Violence Reduction Partnership** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Police Department, headquartered at One Police Plaza, Room 1104, New York, NY 10038. The project will be implemented by leadership of the 46<sup>th</sup> precinct located at 2120 Ryer Ave, Bronx, NY 10457.

The West Bronx Violence Reduction Partnership aims to curb violent crime in micro hot spots within NY's 13th Congressional District. Through prevention, intervention, and enforcement strategies, the project targets youth at risk of perpetrating or falling victim to violence. Investing taxpayer funds in evidence-based intervention for violent crime in the 46th Precinct is crucial. Targeting prevention, intervention, and enforcement, it addresses root causes, fostering community safety. Collaboration maximizes impact, leveraging shared resources and expertise. Infrastructure upgrades enhance law enforcement capacity and community engagement. By investing in proven initiatives, funds address public safety and offer hope for safer communities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §10152)

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

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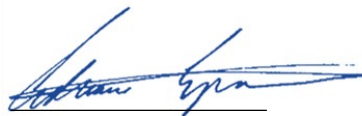
I am requesting funding for the **W.A.R.M Services for Domestic Violence Crime Victims** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is We All Really Matter, located at 8 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY, 10027.

The project is crucial for taxpayers as it reduces healthcare and criminal justice costs linked to domestic violence while prioritizing victims' healing. It aligns with New York State's goals of improving medical and mental health services for underprivileged populations and sets a standard for enhanced domestic violence services. Locally, it enriches communities by providing culturally appropriate mental health services and expands access to trauma therapies through intensive street outreach. Funding sustains the WARM Center for Holistic Healing, serving over 200 low-income victims and establishing a satellite office in the Bronx, ultimately fostering healthier communities and a more effective criminal justice response.

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Cole:

I am requesting funding for the **Bronx Violence Prevention Program** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Good Shephard Services (GSS), headquartered at 1 East Fordham Road, Bronx, New York 10468.

Investing taxpayer funds in the expansion of GSS' violence prevention program is a strategic allocation aimed at reducing violent crime in The Bronx. With a proven track record since 2015, GSS's programming employs evidence-based strategies, including credible messengers and targeted outreach, to address root causes of violence. By expanding services to high-risk areas adjacent to current catchment zones, this initiative directly tackles rising violent crime trends. Additionally, the proposed wrap-around services, such as Youth Enrichment and Therapeutic Services, provide vital support to at-risk youth and families, fostering long-term community resilience. With a strong infrastructure already in place, including experienced staff and program coordination, this investment ensures efficient and effective utilization of taxpayer dollars to address the complex needs of the community, combat violent crime effectively, and promote safety in Bronx neighborhoods.

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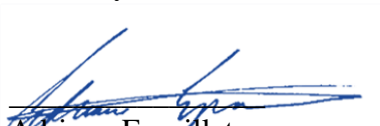
I am requesting funding for the **NYPD Neighborhood Coordination School Initiative (NCSI) and NYPD Options Program** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Police Foundation Incorporated, located at 555 5th Avenue, 15th floor, New York, NY 10017. The project will serve youth in Harlem, Uptown, and the West Bronx.

This program represents a judicious investment of taxpayer dollars as it aims to equip at-risk youth in New York's 13th Congressional District with essential resources and support to deter involvement in criminal activities, thus mitigating violence. By fostering positive development among these individuals, we cultivate future contributors to our communities. Supporting this initiative not only reduces crime rates and gun violence but also fosters a safer, more prosperous environment for all stakeholders while fostering stronger community-police relations. With a current reach of 30,000 youth, we have witnessed notable progress in youth development and violence intervention, affirming the program's efficacy and potential for lasting impact.

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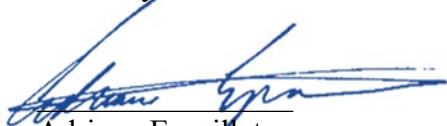
I am requesting funding for the **Dominican Studies Institute Renovation and Expansion Project** in fiscal year 2025. The City College of New York, located at 160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031, will receive funding for this project.

This funding will significantly bolster the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute's (CUNY DSI) capacity to fulfill its public mission, benefiting over 500,000 individuals, including more than 150,000 from the NY-13 district, over the next five years. The investment will enable CUNY DSI to expand its research capacity, host community-based events, enhance its archival resources, and more. Moreover, investing in public research and higher education at CUNY acknowledges the institution's excellence and its crucial role in shaping future leaders. Despite chronic underfunding, CCNY ranks highly for both access and outcomes, reflecting its commitment to economic advancement for all, academic excellence and diversity.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(2).

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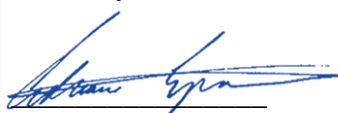
I am requesting funding for the **125th Street Plaza Improvement Project** in fiscal year 2025. The New York City Department of Transportation, located at 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10014, will receive funding for this project.

Investing in the 125th Street Plaza Improvements will revitalize a neglected public space by removing a decrepit comfort station and enhancing the adjacent plaza. By unifying the plaza into a single cohesive area, we address accessibility and mobility challenges while promoting safety and community engagement. The improved space will serve as a vital recreational and gathering spot for hundreds of thousands of local low-income residents, fostering economic activity, inclusivity and social cohesion. Additionally, in collaboration with Uptown Grand Central, the New York City Department of Transportation will explore further enhancements such as lighting, street furniture, and public art, maximizing the value of taxpayer investment and beautifying the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Cole:

I am requesting funding for the **Bronx Community College Auto Technology AAS Building Restoration Phase 2 Project** in fiscal year 2025. The Research Foundation of CUNY, located at 230 W 41st St., 17th Floor, New York, NY, 10036, will receive funding for this project.

Investing in the BCC Auto Technology AAS Building Restoration Phase 2 is a strategic use of taxpayer funds, aligning with broader objectives of community development and workforce readiness. The project is designed to benefit a wide range of stakeholders, including first-generation college students and adult learners, by providing them with the skills necessary for employment in a high-demand field. Furthermore, by addressing the specific needs of the Bronx community, the project contributes to the economic revitalization of the area. The Bronx Community College Auto Technology AAS Building Restoration Phase 2 represents a judicious use of taxpayer funds, promising significant returns in terms of educational advancement, economic development, and community well-being.

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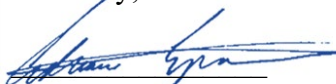
I am requesting funding for the **P.S./I.S. 187 Energy Efficiency Project** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is P.S./I.S. 187 Hudson Cliffs (06M187), located at 349 Cabrini Boulevard, New York, New York 10040.

The community project aimed at enhancing energy efficiency and sustainability at P.S./I.S. 187 Hudson Cliffs School is a strategic use of taxpayer funds with multifaceted benefits. By prioritizing energy efficiency, the initiative not only ensures long-term cost savings but also aligns with broader environmental objectives, benefiting both the school community and the planet. Improving energy efficiency at P.S./I.S. 187 will positively impact all students and staff members in several significant ways. Educational opportunities abound as students engage in hands-on experiences with renewable energy systems and sustainable practices, fostering a deeper understanding of environmental conservation. An enhanced learning environment, characterized by better lighting, temperature regulation, and indoor air quality, contributes to improved student focus and academic performance. Sustainable practices lead to healthier indoor environments, reducing absenteeism and promoting overall well-being among students and staff. Overall, investing in energy efficiency and sustainability at P.S./I.S. 187 demonstrates responsible fiscal stewardship while creating a healthier, more environmentally conscious learning environment for all members of the school community.

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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Cole:

I am requesting funding for the **P.S. 115 School Yard Upgrade and Playground Project** in fiscal year 2025. The Alexander Humboldt School PS 115, located at 586 West 177th Street, New York, NY 10033, will receive funding for this project.

The P.S. 115 School Yard Upgrade and Playground Project represents a vital investment in the well-being and development of predominantly low-income students from pre-k to 5th grade. By allocating taxpayer dollars to this endeavor, we are prioritizing the creation of a modern, state-of-the-art playground that provides a safe and stimulating environment for our students. This funding ensures that our students have access to a space that promotes physical activity and fosters overall well-being, aligning with our commitment to their holistic growth. The benefits of this project extend beyond the current 500-plus students, leaving a lasting impact on future generations of students who will benefit from this enhanced outdoor play area. Thus, investing in this project is not just a wise use of taxpayer dollars but also a tangible demonstration of our dedication to providing equitable opportunities for all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background.

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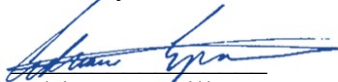
I am requesting funding for the **George Washington Campus Auditorium Upgrade** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Education (George Washington Educational Campus), located at 549 Audubon Avenue, Manhattan, New York, 10040.

The George Washington Campus Auditorium serves as a vital community hub for cultural events, celebrations, and gatherings. However, the deteriorating state of the century-old space calls for urgent restoration and modernization. With non-functional sound and lighting systems, torn curtains, and worn-out seating, the auditorium no longer reflects the vibrancy of the Washington Heights community it serves. The restoration project aims to address these issues, preserving the auditorium's historic significance while providing essential upgrades for future events. Funding this project will revitalize the space, ensuring it remains a central gathering spot and economic development hub for generations to come.

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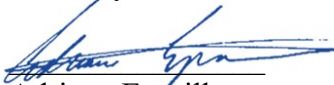
I am requesting funding for the **NYC Neighborhood Internet Network** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development, located at 100 Gold Street, Manhattan, New York, 10038. The project will support low-income residents in New York's 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, NYC's digital disparities starkly emerged as low-income households, historically deprived of internet access, faced heightened struggles securing vital resources and staying connected. The crisis highlighted broadband as an essential utility for every home, impacting children missing school and older adults facing isolation without online access. This partnership between NYC Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the New York Public Library aims to bridge the digital divide by providing free internet to low-income households under Section 8 rental assistance. HPD seeks to expand mesh wireless networks citywide, ensuring equitable access to crucial online resources like job listings and telehealth services. These investments empower communities, fostering connectivity and resilience among families and individuals.

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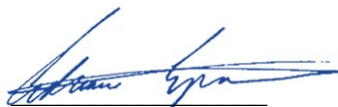
I am requesting funding for the **Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment** in fiscal year 2025. The New York City Department of Small Business Services, located at One Liberty Plaza, New York, NY, 10006, will receive funding for this project.

The Kingsbridge Armory redevelopment would preserve an existing landmark and revitalize a large, vacant property. By activating a nearly 600,000-square-foot site, the project will provide workforce development and career pathways in growing sectors, critical amenities, and community facilities for the Kingsbridge Heights neighborhood and improve the streetscape around the Armory. These benefits are dire needs for the roughly 216,000 ethnically diverse NY-13 residents living in The Bronx, with many facing long-term hardships, such as economic and housing insecurity, health disparities, and differential access to resources.

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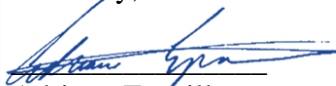
I am requesting funding for the **125th Street Corridor Improvements Project** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Transportation, located at 55 Water Street, Manhattan, New York, 10041. The project will support low-income residents in New York's 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Through this project the New York City Department of Transportation, in collaboration with sister agencies and the 125th Street Business Improvement District, will support the continued growth and development of a historic destination for business, education, arts, culture, and entertainment. Through street reconstruction, as well as streetscape and lighting improvements, this project will enhance safety, mobility, and accessibility along this critical corridor. These enhancements will support the mobility of all street users, contributing to the thriving businesses and institutions that makeup the area of this Business Improvement District.

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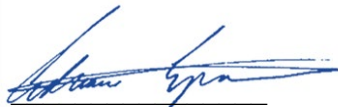
I am requesting funding for the **Washington Heights Neighborhood Beautification and Sanitation Project** in fiscal year 2025. The NYC Department of Small Business Services, located at 1 Liberty Plaza, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10006, will receive funding for this project.

Investing in supplemental sanitation and beautification of a neighborhood stimulates economic growth, enhances health, and fosters community pride. Cleaner environments attract residents, visitors, and customers, benefiting over 2,700 small businesses in NY-13. Public realm cleanliness is essential for small business sustainability, as it enhances attractiveness, health, safety, and community perception. Small businesses contribute to job creation, entrepreneurship, and local economic development, driving growth and revitalization efforts in low-income communities.

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Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
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Dear Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Cole:

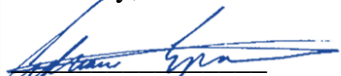
I am requesting funding for the **P.S./I.S. 171 Restroom Facilities Renovation Upgrade** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Patrick Henry Preparatory, located at 19 East 103rd Street, New York, New York 10029.

This transformational project would benefit nearly 800 students and over 150 faculty members by providing long-term solutions such as reducing waste, replacing all wear-and tear while preventing the spread of germs through touchless/hands-free dispensers and hand-dryers. As a result, these fixtures and improvements will increase the benefits of hand washing and disease prevention. Research also reveals students' perception of school's conditions are linked to their academic inclination and overall opinion of the school. A bright, well-equipped and well-maintained restroom indicates a positive and healthy environment where students develop an ownership of their community spaces and are able to witness the positive result of environmental stewardship. It is the goal of school leadership to safeguard our community of students and staff, their health and mental well-being.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Adriano Espallat  
Member of Congress