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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Halifax Apartments Capital Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles located at 200 N Main Street, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, California 90012. The funding would be used to complete critical capital improvements for a 46-unit affordable housing building in one of the city's major economic centers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it funds much needed capital improvements, including elevator replacement, roof replacement, ADA upgrades, energy-efficiency improvements, and lead-based paint remediation, to preserve quality affordable housing for approximately 150 low-income residents working in the Hollywood economic center. Over 90% of the households living in Halifax Apartments are below 50% of the Area Medium Income (AMI), with about 26% of households at or below poverty. The affordable housing building was originally built in the early 1920s and has not undergone any renovations since the mid-1990s. As a result, there are significant deferred maintenance items that are necessary to support the safety and viability of the property as well as to improve its energy efficiency and operating cost profile. Critically, the lead-based paint encapsulation that was part of the property's rehabilitation in 1996-1997 is now failing and requires remediation. Because this project preserves existing housing stock that might otherwise deteriorate or become financially unviable, this delivers strong returns on public investment by maintaining housing stability and preserving access to employment and community services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(4). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress