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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting community project funding for the Fort Thomas Unified Schools Educator Recruitment and Retention Infrastructure Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ft. Thomas Unified School District 7 located at 15560 W. Elementary School Rd. Ft. Thomas, AZ 85536.

The funding would be used to immediately provide two additional housing units, directly addressing the critical lack of affordable, local inventory and allowing recruitment and retention of full-time educators who would otherwise be unable to accept a position within our district. This initiative serves a clear federal nexus by bolstering rural educational infrastructure and promoting economic stability in an underserved area. By providing stable housing, this will ensure the long-term viability of the school, which acts as a central anchor for the Fort Thomas community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is fiscally responsible, operationally feasible, and vital to the success of the students. With this funding, the project will eliminate a major barrier to entry, ensuring that the students have access to the consistent, high-quality instruction they deserve, regardless of the challenges unique to the remote location.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Ciscomani', written in a cursive style.

Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress