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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Saint Mary's County Affordable Housing Initiative in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Mary's Housing Authority, located at 21155 Lexwood Dr C, Lexington Park, MD 20653. The funding would be used for the purchase and placement of high-quality, modern manufactured homes to provide affordable housing for low-income families, including those experiencing homelessness, in Saint Mary's County, Maryland. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Saint Mary's County is facing a growing affordable housing crisis driven by skyrocketing development costs and limited housing options. This manufactured housing model offers a faster, and more cost-effective solution.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

STENY H. HOYER