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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Senior Residence Renovations at 351 East 61st Street, New York, NY in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, located at 100 Gold Street, New York, NY 10038. The funding would be used by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development supports efforts to make renovations at the Linda and Jerome Spitzer Residence, an inclusionary housing residence for moderate-income seniors managed by the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council).

The 53-unit building was completed in 2000, and the lobby and library have significant wear and tear. The buildings' internet connectivity infrastructure is also outdated. With these funds, the lobby and library will be renovated, to improve the physical environment and encourage tenants' socialization.

Upgrades will be made to the internet connectivity infrastructure, and Self-Service Benefits Kiosks will be installed on each floor and computers for tenant access in the library. The improved internet connectivity will facilitate tenants' access to crucial services and information, as well as family and friends. The kiosks will enable residents to easily apply for benefits, check their SSI, upload documents needed for recertification, and more. These renovations and improvements will reduce senior isolation, encourage socialization, enable the elderly tenants to grow old with dignity in a supportive environment, and help to maintain the diversity of the neighborhood.

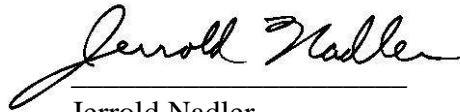
The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will benefit the 53 tenants living at the 351 East 61st Street Inclusionary Housing Residence, as well as the surrounding neighborhood. The residents of this building are all age 62 or older (the average age is 81), independent, and have income at or below 50-80% of the Area Median. The improvements made possible by this project will improve residents' quality of life, reduce

isolation, encourage socialization, and help them remain connected with family and friends (as well as the world around them) via internet connectivity. These changes will enable these low- and moderate-income, elderly tenants to grow old with dignity in a supportive environment and continue contributing to the age and economic diversity of the neighborhood.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerrold Nadler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress

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