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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 the Swedish Cottage Revitalization project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, located at 117-02 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, NY 11368. The funding would be used to revitalize the historically significant Swedish Cottage in Central Park, enhancing its role as a cultural and tourism magnet through long overdue infrastructure modernization, spatial redesign, and accessibility improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because In addition to its historical importance, the Cottage holds significant tourism potential for NY-12, Central Park and New York City as a whole. As a unique cultural venue nestled within one of the most iconic parks in the world, which is visited by 40 million New Yorkers and tourists, the Cottage has the capacity to attract visitors beyond the 30,000 it already receives.

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,

Jerrold Nadler

Member of Congress

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