## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Business & Non-Profit Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Columbus Metropolitan Library, located at 96 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215.

The funding would be used for Phase II of Columbus Metropolitan Library's (CML) Business & Non-Profit Center that will offer meeting space, technology, and resources to emerging and growing businesses and non-profits. This project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will remove barriers to workforce and economic development.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Joyce Beatty U Member of Congress