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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 6, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Kansas City, Missouri's 18th Street Pedestrian Mall, Phases 1B and 2 project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Kansas City, Missouri located at 414 E 12th Street, 20th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64106.

The 18th Street Pedestrian Mall project will continue the street and pedestrian improvements previously funded in Phase 1, specifically along Vine Street, Highland Avenue, and Woodland Avenue for a complete pedestrian environment. Phase 2 will improve Paseo Boulevard from 20th Street to 17th Terrace and Plaza improvements north of 18th Street.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it responds to requests from business owners and community members to redevelop and revitalize the historic 18th & Vine District while providing a pedestrian-safe, unique setting for community events and activities. This project will allow normal daily use of the area for residents when it is not in use for events, while providing a controlled space during events along the corridor.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 5305(a)(2) – the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements;

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

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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