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March 24, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Firehouse Commons at Reading Area Community College in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Reading Area Community College, located at 10 South Second Street, Reading, PA 19602. The funding would be used to redevelop a historic downtown Reading firehouse into a multi-disciplinary workforce development and educational hub. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support hands-on workforce training that prepares students for employment in early childhood education, hospitality and culinary services, and STEM industries.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chrissy Houlahan".

Chrissy Houlahan
Member of Congress