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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of New London Addition to Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of New London, located at 181 State Street, New London, CT 06320. The funding would be used for adding 3-4 new classrooms to the City's existing facilities in order to provide more access to high-quality early childhood education for the children and families in the New London community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the youngest learners and their families in New London can benefit from high-quality programs offered by this resource center. With the growing demand for high-quality early childhood education in the city, the center faces the challenge of insufficient space to accommodate the increasing number of students and families needing child care. To address this issue, the proposal seeks to secure funding to add 3-4 new classrooms to the center's existing facilities. The new classrooms will have the materials and resources to provide an enriching and stimulating learning environment for children.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress