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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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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 City of Milwaukee Health Department's Addressing Lead Based Hazards in Public Facilities Project to assist in addressing an immediate and urgent community health crisis. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Milwaukee's Health Department, located at 841 N Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202

The funding would be used to support increased lead screening and mitigation for school children most at risk for exposure to lead, including at public facilities. Funding would support lead screening, enforcement inspections, and testing of schools for lead hazards and public facility improvements to remediate and mitigate lead hazards.

An ongoing lead crisis at Milwaukee Public Schools has resulted in lead poisoning in children and it feared that thousands more children risk exposure without this funding which would ensure additional resources can be provided to protect the health and well-being of children most at risk of lead poisoning.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help address community development needs having a particular urgency given the serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community posed by lead. The city of Milwaukee's has identified this work as a priority in its consolidated CDBG plan. These activities will also help avoid lifetime learning and health deficiencies arising from exposure to lead, which impact the education and employment outlooks for affected children. Lead-based paint and household dust in the home and potentially in key public facilities such as schools remain the primary sources of lead exposure for children in Wisconsin. Removing lead paint hazards provides a \$1.39 return for every \$1 invested, in addition to protecting children and families.

Additionally, the proposed project aligns with federal statute's purpose of helping eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare, while supporting education, workforce development, of targeted vulnerable populations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", is written over the printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive.