

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

May 23, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Liberty Square Launchpad: Small Business Incubator in fiscal year 2026. The City of Miami, located at 444 SW 2nd Ave, Miami, Florida 33130, will receive funding for this project.

The funding would be used for The Liberty Square Launchpad: Small Business Incubator, a strategic partnership between the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce and the City of Miami designed to revitalize the Liberty Square Public Housing project through economic empowerment. This initiative will buildout a small business incubator that nurtures early-stage companies by providing critical support services and resources, enhancing their viability and success. The Liberty Square Launchpad aims to reduce barriers to business success, such as high overhead costs and lack of access to essential services, thereby attracting new ventures and stimulating economic growth. This project represents a critical investment in the economic health of one of Miami's most underserved communities, promising a more prosperous future for its residents. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The Liberty Square Launchpad: Small Business Incubator represents a strategic use of taxpayer funds designed to foster significant economic upliftment within the Liberty Square area

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

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