

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 Mia Casa Senior Housing Expansion in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Miami-Dade County (Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust), located at 12221 West Dixie Highway, North Miami, Florida 33161.

The funding would be used for Mia Casa, a Homeless Trust-owned property that provides non-timelimited housing options for seniors 65 years of age and older experiencing homelessness. The property includes 65 shared rooms with a capacity of 120 persons. Situated on the same footprint as Mia Casa are two homes, which, when renovated, can provide housing for 12 older adults and up to 48 additional seniors per year.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Mia Casa offers a setting and provides services that cater to the needs of vulnerable and often frail senior citizens experiencing homelessness. Expanding housing targeted to those on the streets and in shelters, many of whom are disabled and elderly and have little to no income, will help create the system capacity needed to permanently house those on Miami-Dade's streets and ensure they do not return to homelessness.

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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Frederica S. Wilson Member of Congress