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Chairman Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn HOB
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Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Amherst Boulevard Community Recreation and Resource Center project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Amherst, located at 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221. The funding would be used to transform a vacant 30,000-square-foot building at 1185 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst, New York 14226 into a multi-purpose community facility providing recreation, youth programming, educational space, food access services, and essential community resources for residents of all ages.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strategically repurposes an existing vacant building rather than constructing a new facility, maximizing the value of existing infrastructure while reducing long-term costs. The center will serve residents of all ages in a low-to-moderate income neighborhood, strengthening community health and wellness, supporting food security through an emergency food pantry and commercial kitchen, and creating a centralized hub for programs and services that benefit the broader Amherst community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress