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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations 2207 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLaura Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

## Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Cottage Renovations in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Roosevelt Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, located at 6135 Roosevelt Hwy, Warm Springs, GA, 31830. The funding would be used for renovations to seven cottages on campus. Currently, there are 27 residential-style cottages not in use totaling almost 54,000 square feet. Additionally, there are three (3) idle buildings totaling over 110,000 square feet of office, dormitory, museum, or other space that could be ideal for future program use and/or partnerships. These buildings include the Old VRU Dormitory, Founders' Hall, and Elm Road Apartments. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these renovations will be used to increase economic development, historic preservation, and community infrastructure for all of which the Roosevelt Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation campus touches. 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,

Member of Congress