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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 HVAC Systems 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 the replacement of the 30 to 60 year old HVAC systems. A phased plan for replacing HVAC systems and designs will allow RWS to have state-of-the-art HVAC systems and realize recommendations for ventilation because of the pandemic. A five (5) phase capital project plan for HVAC replacements and upgrades was developed as part of G.O. Bond requests over the past few years. Due to a chiller failure in the Education and Training building in 2019, the phases were adjusted to prioritize needs in that building which also controls the Administration Building. The replacements will impact numerous areas where the community and visitors request to stay or rent for community events. 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