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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
H-305 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the 27Q260 School Based Wellness & Mental Health Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Education, located 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY, 10007.

The funding would be used to establish a School-Based Mental Health and Wellness Center at the Frederick Douglass Academy VI (27Q260) that will expand access to counseling, trauma-informed care, and social-emotional supports, leading to improved student attendance, reduced behavioral incidents, and increased academic success. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will expand access to essential services, improve quality of education and community infrastructure, and directly benefit low-to-moderate income members of the community.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Meeks  
Member of Congress