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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 P.S. 197 Playground Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is New York City Department of Education, located at 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007.

The funding would be used to establish a fully accessible, interactive indoor playground and sensory learning environment at P.S. 197 in Far Rockaway. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the physical, social, and sensory development of students with diverse learning needs.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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