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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. 253 Auditorium Renovation and Modernization 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 support the renovation and modernization of the auditorium at P.S. 253. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current unfavorable condition of the auditorium limits its use, and this renovation will ensure the space can fully support school-wide events and community gatherings.

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