

## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee H-307, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Knoxville Public Safety and Civic Building Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Knoxville, located at 305 S Third St, Knoxville, IA 50138.

Funding for this project will be used to develop a new multi-use public building that would contain the police and fire departments as well as council chambers and civic administrative offices. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the police department and City Hall are housed in a former hospital originally built in 1940 and are functionally obsolete. Knoxville is a growing and changing community. The facilities that they have been using, at their best, are more than 50 years old and inadequate for the needs of the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 7 CFR 3570.63(b).

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

Sincerely,

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Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D. Member of Congress