

## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

## Washington, DC 20515

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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 Newton YMCA Community Enhancement Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is YMCA of Newton, Iowa Inc., located at 1701 S. 8th Ave East, Newton, IA 50208.

Funding for this project will be used to expand the existing Newton YMCA structure to allow for the childcare center to open an additional 50 spots within the current facility. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will expand childcare opportunities in Jasper County, promotes the health and well-being of residents, stimulates economic growth, enhances education and workforce opportunities for youth, and contributes to the overall prosperity 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