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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for ELEVATE – Strawberry Mansion Neighborhood Schoolyard Redevelopment in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Big Sand Box Inc., located at 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 320, Philadelphia, PA 19107. The funding would be used for capital improvement projects at three elementary schools to create a network of safe destinations and walking corridors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because population health is influenced by environmental conditions. Social determinants of health (SDOH) are nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes. One of the five key areas of SDOH is neighborhood and the built environment. ELEVATE serves to improve the health of disadvantaged communities by investing in the development of green and healthy safe spaces in which children can thrive.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



Dwight Evans  
Member of Congress