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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for LA ERIC (Lancaster Ave.-Entrepreneurship Resource and Innovation Center) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lancaster Avenue 21st Century Business Association, located at 3500 Lancaster Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19104. The funding would be used for the creation of a small business development hub in West Philadelphia. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the hub will help startups as well as established businesses grow and ensure early-stage companies become successful. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1)

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