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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$4,900,000.00 for in Fiscal Year 2027. 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 PHL-Small Business Growth Accelerator Support Program.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because since the start of the COVID pandemic, small businesses have been struggling to reenergize and advance their growth. Having a space for business to gain support and technical assistance in a one-on-one fashion provides for a more sustainable approach.

The Federal Nexus for this project is **5305(a)(4)**.

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