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April 23, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6016

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Historic Melrose Redevelopment Project in Memphis, TN** in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Memphis, Housing & Community Development**, located at **590 Washington Avenue, TN 3810**. The funding would be used to **invest in the redevelopment of the Historic Melrose High School and the Orange Mound Community, which was the first African-American neighborhood in the U.S. to be built by and for African-Americans. The project will provide senior housing and will create a place for nonprofits to convene and offer numerous community services. It will also include a library and genealogy center, which will highlight the former school and neighborhood's rich history.**

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress