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## The Honorable David E. Price Chairman

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## The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart Ranking Member

House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington D.C. 20510

## Re: Community Project Funding Request for Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Norristown Renovation & Expansion

Dear Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Blart:

I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Norristown Renovation & Expansion in fiscal year 2023 through the Transportation Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee and the .

The entity to receive funding for this project is Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region, located at 530 DeKalb St, Norristown, PA 19401.

The funding would be used for much needed renovation & expansion of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence (BBBSI) office in Norristown, PA – serving Montgomery County and the greater Philadelphia region. The project will:

- Enable acquisition of additional space, contiguous or in the same general vicinity.
- Address building infrastructure needs for existing & newly acquired space (e.g., roof, exterior wall maintenance, HVAC, plumbing, water proofing, fire safety, signage).
- Enable interior redesign to better support families (e.g., outfit a space that is welcoming and conducive to family engagement, modernize technology).

This investment would enable BBBSI to create a Mentoring Hub in Montgomery County for these youth and families, enabling greater youth, family, and community engagement, and making it easier to expand and serve families in the outer reaches of Montgomery and surrounding counties.

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

Sincerely,

Madeleine Dean

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