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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the West Side Community Stabilization – Demolition of Former Ivanhoe Elementary School in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Gary Department of Redevelopment, located at 504 Broadway Suite 200 Gary, Indiana 46402. The funding would be used to demolish the former elementary school building. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the removal of this structure stabilizes the surrounding neighborhood and presents an opportunity for strategic revitalization efforts.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

  
Frank J. Mrvan  
Member of Congress

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