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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 for the Washtenaw County East Side Emergency Shelter Expansion in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washtenaw County, located at 220 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. The funding would be used for the purchase and renovation of a building to expand emergency shelter services for individual adults, including additional beds, a year-round daytime drop-in center, onsite administrative offices, space for the Recuperative Care Program, and facilities for meals and coordinated services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase shelter capacity for unhoused individuals, reduce waitlists, improve access to essential services closer to where residents live, consolidate fragmented seasonal programs into a year-round operation, and strengthen coordinated support to better address homelessness in Washtenaw County.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Debbie Dingell  
Member of Congress