

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Regional Housing Capacity and Infrastructure Initiative in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Central Pines Regional Council, located at 4307 Emperor Blvd., Suite 110, Durham, North Carolina 27703. The funding would be used for a regional housing capacity and infrastructure implementation initiative that supports housing construction, increases housing supply, improves housing affordability, and advances economic development and neighborhood revitalization across the Central Pines Regional Council region. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help local governments better align housing construction with infrastructure capacity, utility systems, land use plans, and transportation investments.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Very truly yours,



Deborah K. Ross
Member of Congress