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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 Shaw University Off-Campus Student Housing Initiative in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Shaw University, located at 118 E. South Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. The funding would be used for off-campus apartment housing for approximately 264 upper-division students in response to recent campus housing disturbances due to fire damage. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will answer an urgent need for stable student housing while supporting long-term economic development in downtown Raleigh.

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