

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bergen Park Affordable Housing Project in Evergreen, Colorado. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Wheat Ridge, located at 1928 S. Hiwan Dr, Evergreen, CO 80439.

This project supports the renovation of Bergen Elementary School to develop eighty units of affordable senior housing. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the school district will no longer be maintaining a closed asset and therefore redirecting scarce educational resources to buildings teaching students. An existing senior housing property, Green Ridge Meadows, will be repurposed to provide necessary workforce housing in an expensive foothills market. The seniors will be relocated to the new building, providing locational and unit amenities that will allow residents to age in place and maintain vital connections with the community, and residents of Evergreen will have access to additional recreational spaces. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Brittany Pettersen  
Member of Congress