

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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 Cedar Gardens Apartments Redevelopment in Lakewood, Colorado. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lakewood Housing Authority, located at 575 Union Boulevard, STE 100, Lakewood, CO 80228.

This project supports the redevelopment of Cedar Gardens Apartments to remove blighted structures and construct 84 new affordable housing units. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the redevelopment will replace 56 obsolete units of naturally occurring affordable housing with no long-term affordability protections with 84 newly constructed deed-restricted affordable apartments, significantly increasing both housing supply and long-term affordability. The Cedar Gardens affordable housing redevelopment is consistent with the mission and eligible activities of the HUD Community Development Fund – Economic Development Initiative (EDI) program, which supports community and economic development projects that address blight, improve housing affordability, and strengthen local communities. 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,



Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress