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House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

House Foreign Affairs Committee  
Subcommittee on Europe  
Subcommittee on Oversight  
& Intelligence  
House Space, Science, and  
Technology Committee  
Subcommittee on Research and  
Technology

March 25, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 for the Neighborhood Stabilization Expansion Program project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive the funding for this project is New Castle County, located at 87 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

The funding would be used to acquire and rehabilitate abandoned or foreclosed residential properties for resale as owner-occupied homes to households earning at or below 120% of the Area Median Income to reduce blight, expand affordable homeownership, and stabilize neighborhoods.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses the direct costs of blight, including declining surrounding property values, neighborhood disinvestment, and the public burden associated with vacant properties, while creating a revolving source of local reinvestment as resale proceeds are returned and used for future acquisitions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride'.

Sarah McBride  
Member of Congress