April 23, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6016

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Historic Melrose Redevelopment Project in Memphis, TN in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Memphis, Housing & Community Development, located at 590 Washington Avenue, TN 3810. The funding would be used to invest in the redevelopment of the Historic Melrose High School and the Orange Mound Community, which was the first African-American neighborhood in the U.S. to be built by and for African-Americans. The project will provide senior housing and will create a place for nonprofits to convene and offer numerous community services. It will also include a library and genealogy center, which will highlight the former school and neighborhood's rich history.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Cohen  
Member of Congress