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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **LeMoyne-Owen College Town Center Economic Development Project** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **LeMoyne-Owen College**, located at **807 Walker Avenue, Memphis, TN 38126**. The funding would be used **to expand the campus and redevelop an underutilized property into a center for economic mobility and neighborhood revitalization.**

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because the project **will strengthen the education to employment pipeline by supporting one of the Historically Black College and Universities in the state and will increase economic development in the historic Soulsville neighborhood in South Memphis.**

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress