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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Historic Mason Temple Restoration Project** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Memphis**, located at **125 North Main Street, Room 608, Memphis, TN 38103**. The funding would be used **for the restoration, rehabilitation, and technology system upgrade to the historic site**.

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because **maintaining the historical landmark, which draws thousands of tourists to the Memphis downtown area each year, will help to increase economic development**.

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