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

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the St. John's Bread & Life Heating and Ventilation System (HVAC) Replacement in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the St. John's Bread and Life Program, Inc., located at 795 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. This funding would allow for the implementation of a modern, energy-efficient HVAC system capable of stabilizing the facility's operating environment while also reducing the sharply increased utility costs caused by the failing system—costs that currently divert scarce resources away from food purchases and services. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars as Bread & Life has become a regional hub that supplies food, supporting some 30 smaller community-based pantry sites and health services throughout NY-08.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hakeem Jeffries".

HAKEEM JEFFRIES
Member of Congress