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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the renovation of a building to become the Safe Haven Empowerment Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Newport News located at 2400 Washington Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide a community space, programming for youth, a place for youth to go when school is not in session, house services for those entering the workforce, and provide space for the City to host community events that draw tourism.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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 that reads "Bobby Scott".

Robert C. "Bobby" Scott  
Member of Congress