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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the rehabilitation of abandoned properties in the Municipality of Manatí to convert them into affordable housing units in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Manatí, located at 10 Calle Quiñones, Manatí, Puerto Rico 00674.

The funding would be used for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of twelve (12) abandoned and vacant properties in the Municipality of Manatí's traditional urban center to convert them into affordable housing units, tailored for low- and very low-income households participating under the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it would directly address the critical shortage of affordable housing in Manatí through a cost-effective approach that leverages pre-existing underutilized or blighted properties. The rehabilitation of these spaces would not only support the housing needs of underserved or low-income families, but it would also address the problem of abandoned properties in Manatí, preserve its downtown area's architectural heritage, and drive economic development through increased density and the infusion of new residents.

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,

Jennifer González-Colón  
Member of Congress