April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
2413 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1026 Longworth House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pittston’s New American Theater and Project Share projects in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pittston, located at 35 Broad Street, Suite 202, Pittston, PA, 18640. The funding would be used for approximately 80,000 square feet of new construction. The project allocates space for a theater to complement downtown. The theater will be a multi-use, multi-purpose theater which will feature performing arts, a drop-down screen for motion pictures, event space to be used for community groups and City events and to be utilized for the tenant college and Authorities. In addition, 5,000 square feet of micro-commercial space; joint office space for the City’s Housing & Redevelopment Authorities. This component of the project would have a residual effect by allowing utilization of the vacated housing office space for a non-profit Food Bank Market. Additionally planned are proposed classroom space for a satellite campus (Alvernia University); 25 mixed income rental housing. These units will be included as part of a new City Program called Project Share. Project Share is designed to capture the first 5 years of EIT generated from Authority projects. The funds will be utilized to provide assistance for affordable housing. The roof of the project is planned for a restaurant. The project is designed so that the contiguous property shall share the elevator & stairs, facilitating development of that building.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Matt Cartwright  
Member of Congress