April 27, 2021

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

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the 33 Hawley Street project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Northampton Community Arts Trust Inc., located at P.O. Box 366, Northampton, MA 01061. The funding would be used to complete the renovation of 33 Hawley Street, a 25,000 square foot steel building on 1.5 acres on the edge of downtown Northampton, into an energy efficient, affordable community arts facility. Construction is proceeding in phases, as funding allows. Renovation is about 70% complete and includes two 1,200 square foot multi-use studios, a dance studio, a 2,000 square foot performance/event venue, a large, open lobby/mezzanine, and two outdoor courtyards. The finished portions of the premises are leased and programmed by three established arts organizations; all serve as portals to artists, arts groups and others who use 33 Hawley’s affordable spaces. This funding will help complete the remaining 30% of the renovation, including the Workroom/Theater (a 3,800 square foot, 220+ seat, black box theater), theater support spaces serving both performance venues, an 800 square foot visual arts gallery, administrative offices, and lobby flooring, box office and concession area. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress