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Congress of the United States
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Finkelstein Memorial Library in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Finkelstein Memorial Library, located at 24 Chestnut St, Spring Valley, NY 10977. The funding would be used to create new classroom space dedicated for workforce development and English language learning.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because classroom expansion will unlock transformative opportunities for the entire town by creating a permanent, dedicated home for the programs that help residents build better futures. With new space for English language learning, workforce development training, and Second Chance High School instruction, the library will be able to serve hundreds more people each year—residents who are striving to gain language proficiency, earn credentials, and secure stable employment. This project turns the library into an even more powerful engine of opportunity, mobility, and community strength.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purpose authorized by 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Lawler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Lawler" clearly legible.

Michael V. Lawler
Member of Congress