



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As you set the House Appropriation's Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration community project funding priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, I wanted to express my support for the funding request for the Berwick Area YMCA's construction of a new gymnasium and community center in Berwick, PA.

The YMCA is the central hub for health and social programs in our community and is recognized as a catalyst for bringing others together to solve community needs. No other entity in Berwick provides the services we do while meeting the needs of the most impoverished residents. Despite all the successful programs we deliver, our current facilities have reached their full capacity and are no longer adequate to meet the demand and need for services for all residents and we have no space to add new programs or services our community needs.

The \$1,000,000 request for a new gymnasium and community center would house community recreation and sports programs for youth and seniors, food distribution programs, enhance child care operations, youth feeding programs and provide a multitude of health and wellness programs in our significantly underserved communities. This project will enhance the social determinants of health, education, and food and nutrition for the most impoverished.

I strongly support this request and believe in the YMCA's mission to provide beneficial community programs to the people of Berwick, Pennsylvania. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Meuser", written in a cursive style.

Dan Meuser
Member of Congress