

## Congress of the United States

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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 Washington, D.C. 20515

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 Borough of Jim Thorpe's Facilities Upgrade Project.

Jim Thorpe Borough, located in northeast Pennsylvania in Carbon County is a small town with a bustling tourism industry. In recent years, the Borough has outgrown its current municipal complex including its municipal building, Memorial Hall. The building is in need of repairs and renovations. The hall currently offers vital services to residents including food pantry services for low-income and elderly residents, vaccine clinics, including recent COVID vaccine distribution, and emergency shelter services. The Facilities Upgrade Project would allow Jim Thorpe to relocate and expand these vital services offered to residents of the borough through Memorial Hall.

The funding of \$2,500,000 to renovate of Memorial Hall will provide the Borough of Jim Thorpe an opportunity to provide much needed renewal and expansion of their community center that offers important services to the citizens of Jim Thorpe. In addition to renovating their current space, this project would allow the Borough to relocate their police and administrative offices into the new Memorial Hall, providing greater service and security to the citizens of Jim Thorpe.

I strongly support this request and believe in Jim Thorpe Brough's vision to provide enhanced and expanded community services to their residents. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Dan Meuser Member of Congress