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**Grace Meng**  
**Congress of the United States**  
**Sixth District, New York**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-305 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the Jackson Heights Community Center Construction (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Administration for Children's Services, located at 66 John St. #400, New York, NY 10038. This funding would be used to construct the first-ever community center in Jackson Heights, Queens, which will include classrooms, sports facilities, and community gathering spaces. This center has the potential to serve upwards of 10,000 youth per year with free after-school care during the week and weekends.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the community center will serve as a community hub, providing neighborhood resources. Programming for young children provides a safe place to learn and gives parents additional childcare options. Additionally, programming for teens will teach important workforce readiness skills to enhance their future earnings and provide them with long-term financial security.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Grace Meng", written in a cursive style.

Grace Meng  
Member of Congress

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