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The Honorable Chellie Pingree Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable David Joyce Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce,

I am requesting funding for the preservation of the First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo's Allentown District in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is One Symphony Circle, Inc, 1 Symphony Cir, Buffalo, NY 14201. These funds will be used to complete exterior preservation work to the building. There are two different congregations that use the physical space of the church, in addition to several sectarian community service organizations. Buffalo's historic buildings are not only important to its identity as an authentic American city, but also contribute to the community and local economy. This project ensures the continuation of the many public-oriented organizations that depend on the First Presbyterian Church building.

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I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Higgins Member of Congress