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April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Ralph J. Holden Senior and Community Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Central Falls, located at 580 Broad Street, Central Falls, RI 02863.

This funding will support construction of the Ralph J. Holden Community Center. Central Falls has only 3 percent green space, is the 27th most densely populated community in the country, and the Ralph J. Holden Community Center, which for decades was the City's one-stop location for recreational, community gathering, and social interaction opportunities for all ages, has been closed since 2011. A commission formed by the City to plan for the reopening of the Community Center confirmed that Central Falls residents are united in the dramatic need for access to indoor public recreation programs and facilities to adequately serve the social, recreational, cultural, and educational demands of all residents. The Commission's study incorporated an extensive public input process and reflects public feedback and strong support of the vision for a new community center. The project will provide a new community space, which will include a senior center, full gymnasium, fitness facilities, large community hall with kitchen, teen room, meeting rooms, and classrooms.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Cicilline".

David Cicilline
Member of Congress