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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the York Hall Historical Preservation project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, located at 625 Broadway, 10th Fl., Albany, NY 12207.

The funding would be used to completely restore and preserve York Hall, situated at the center of Nissequogue River State Park on the former campus of the Kings Park State Hospital in Kings Park, New York. The state identified York Hall as a significant historic and cultural resource and has since been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will help fulfill New York State Parks' vision to completely restore and operate York Hall as a performing arts center. These efforts will help preserve York Hall's status on the National Register of Historic Places. Last year, Suffolk County launched a \$25 million sewer installation project in downtown Kings Park to help revitalize the business district. This project, located adjacent to the business district, will create hundreds of direct and indirect jobs throughout the local community and generate substantial revenues for local businesses with its vital role in downtown Kings Park's economic revitalization and vibrancy. Additionally, this project will help make Nissequogue River State Park and the hamlet of Kings Park a destination point for tourists and help entice and retain local businesses.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress

