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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the acquisition and remediation of the former U.S. Post Office building in downtown Salem, Virginia for fiscal year 2023.

Sponsoring this project is the City of Salem, Virginia located at 114 N Broad St, Salem, VA 24153.

Funding would be used for the City of Salem to purchase the former U.S. Post Office building, now owned by Roanoke College, with plans to relocate the Salem Visitor's Center there, along with placing a Veteran's Memorial Museum in the facility as well.

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because the former U.S. Post Office has been a fixture in downtown Salem for nearly 100 years. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the old Post Office served the City of Salem until 1985 and housed various uses in the years following. Roanoke College purchased the property in 2013 and is using it mainly for storage at the time. The proposal is to make this prominent feature in downtown an integral part of the community, while being a catalyst for the economic development in the historic downtown area of the City of Salem.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project, though one small piece of the back of this property touches a piece of property that I own.

Sincerely,

H. Morgan Griffith  
Member of Congress