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House of Representatives

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Virgin Islands Digital Delivery Network project in fiscal year 2024. The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Next Generation Network, located at 2179 Kings Cross, Suite 3, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820. The Virgin Islands Next Generation Network is a subdivision of the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority. The anticipated location of the project is territory-wide across the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John. The requested funding would be used by the Virgin Islands Government to develop the USVI Digital Delivery Network, a resilient, sustainable, cost-efficient, accessible network of public services. The project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because it would allow for the procurement of the software and hardware to digitize, collect, and analyze and store to the cloud backlogs of unstructured data still trapped on paper and subject to decay and the hazards of being in a hurricane zone. This project will assist the Virgin Islands to build a digital network through the use of smart consumer engaged technologies and increase access of the most vulnerable to services and tools for healthcare, education and public information.

The project has a federal nexus because the project funding is consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities described in section 272 of Title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress