## Congress of the United States

STACEY E. PLASKETT VIRGIN ISLANDS

## House of Representatives

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the St. Clair House Revitalization project in fiscal year 2025. The non-profit entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the St. Clair Institute, Inc. located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 9150 Estate Thomas, Suite 210, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is 9150 Estate Thomas, Suite 210, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

The requested funding would be used to refurbish and renovate the St. Clair House, located in downtown St. Thomas, to improve community access to essential healthcare, including mental health and substance abuse recovery, as well as provide spaces for community engagement. This renovation will provide vital resources to the community by establishing spaces for qualified professionals to provide individual and group counseling and therapy; create restroom facilities, a wellness room, and staff offices; and provide a space for widespread community engagement in educational opportunities, vocational training, and career development. This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because it will support the restoration of a historic building to allow for the provision of care, thereby improving public health and safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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