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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **Virgin Islands Supportive Recovery Housing and Crisis Response Project** in fiscal year 2027. The public entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Department of Health (VIDOH), located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 1303 Hospital Ground, Suite 10, Charlotte Amalie, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is Plot 184, Anna's Hope, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820.

The requested funding would be used by VIDOH to construct 30 modular supportive and transitional housing units on 9.8 acres of government-owned land in Christiansted, St. Croix. The project will establish the Territory's first dedicated supportive housing campus, including site preparation, utility connections, residential furnishings, connectivity infrastructure, and security systems. The modular design allows for rapid deployment, phased installation, and hurricane-resilient construction — critical advantages in an island community where traditional construction faces significant timeline and cost constraints. The Territory currently has no dedicated supportive housing campus, and 306 individuals experienced homelessness in the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2026, most unsheltered. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address an acute shortage of supportive and transitional housing, reduce homelessness on government-owned land at no land acquisition cost, alleviate pressure on emergency services, and provide a foundation for low- and moderate-income residents to achieve long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S. Code §§ 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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