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House of Representatives
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Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Kay Granger
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art Emergency Stairwell Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art Emergency Stairwell Project, located at 1210 11th Avenue, Altoona PA 16601. The funding would be used for immediate repairs on its emergency exit stairs, and SAMA plans to execute this with a sculpture garden and entry way. The existing emergency stairwell will be demolished. The red steel for the balconies will kept along with the stringers. The new emergency exit stairs will have solid risers, the treads will be wood, and a platform will be added at Alley level. SAMA will add a roof (1,000sf) to cover the stairs which will extend the life of the stairwell to 25 years. The roof will be red steel beams, metal decking with insulation and a membrane roofing material.

SAMA has been a pillar of the arts community in Central Pennsylvania, but these dilapidated stairs limit the ability for the museum to host events, educational programs, and exhibitions. With these funds, the museum can return to maximum capacity, create a beautiful space for sculptures, and provide much needed arts education to the community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress