

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 31, 2023

Chairwoman Kay Granger  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Appropriations Committee  
2313 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Gettysburg Welcome Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Gettysburg, located at 59 East High Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The funding will be used for the development of the Gettysburg Welcome Center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the goal is to establish the identity of our historic downtown in tandem with the battlefields around it in order to accommodate the 4+ million people who visit annually. The Gettysburg National Military Park is a great partner in our economic vitality. Development of this project will strengthen access to federal lands, from the National Cemetery to the David Wills House on Lincoln Square. Creating a public facility in the heart of our downtown will also create a walkable environment which will bring commerce to the local businesses and non-profits located there. Its location is central to the one-mile path of President Lincoln's legendary walk to deliver the Gettysburg Address. This project provides a unique opportunity for federal investment in a community that is internationally recognized for its pivotal role in our nation's history and our freedom.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Joyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress