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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Colorado Freedom Memorial Center in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Economic Development Initiative account under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The entity to receive funding for the project is the Colorado Freedom Memorial located at 756 Telluride St., Aurora, Co. 80011.

The Colorado Freedom Memorial (CFM) is seeking \$1,500,000 to support the design and site plan for a facility to be known as the Colorado Freedom Memorial Center. The CFM has honored the 6218 Colorado veterans killed in military action since we became a state for the last nine years. The Colorado Freedom Memorial Center will contain a theater for presentations by authors, historians, and veterans, a classroom with computers linked to CFM partners across the country where genealogists, historians and individuals can research generations of Colorado's military stories. The Center will host visitors during inclement weather; bring students on field trips for lessons about service and sacrifice, and hold presentations by local military units about their important missions.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the Colorado Freedom Memorial Center, when built, will be a place of healing for the families and friends of the fallen and a place where future generations can learn about the price of freedom. It is designed to be a multi-use space, serving as a visitor, education, and meetings site. and will bring the Colorado community together to gather, honor and heal.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jason Crow Member of Congress