



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa Delauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Delauro,

I am requesting funding for the WDET Community Broadcast Center Renovation in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Detroit Public Radio, WDET-101.9, which is operated by Wayne State University, and is located at 4600 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

The funding would be used to renovate and outfit a building already owned by Wayne State into a community broadcast center with studio outfitting, teaching and learning spaces, and collaboration spaces. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because WDET-101.9, Detroit's community public radio broadcasting center, is accessed by over 1.5 million people every year, and renovations to this community broadcast center will specifically allow for the expansion of the Detroit Radio Information Service (DRIS), which creates programming for blind, visually challenged, and socially challenged individuals.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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 "Shri Thanedar".

Shri Thanedar
Member of Congress