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The Honorable Mark Warner United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tim Kaine United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr. United States House of Representatives 1119 Longworth
House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Warner and Kaine and Congressman Beyer,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for City of Alexandria projects that have been submitted for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending in the upcoming fiscal year. This funding source represents a vital mechanism for initiatives that directly benefit our 160,000 residents, businesses, workers and visitors, enhance our community, and bolster the local economy.

When allocated judiciously and transparently, this funding offers a targeted approach to addressing the unique needs and priorities of municipalities like Alexandria. Unlike broad federal grants, this directed funding allows for a more tailored response to pressing issues such as infrastructure improvements, public safety enhancements, and workforce initiatives. By designating funds for specific projects, with your support, earmarks ensure that taxpayer dollars are efficiently utilized to deliver tangible results that directly impact our community.

There are several projects which City staff have identified that are poised to make a significant difference to our community's well-being and prosperity. The projects submitted for FY 2026 for your consideration are:

- Re-employment and upskilling programs and services;
- Affordable housing preservation in Arlandria neighborhood;
- Flash flooding "spot improvement" project;
- Resiliency of City emergency shelter;
- Emergency communications interoperability;
- Technology to support violence intervention and crime prevention;
- Cloud-Based Dispatch System



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These projects are clear priorities and address significant recognized needs in the City of Alexandria in the areas of human services, community development, public health and safety, and infrastructure. They represent opportunities for the City to leverage the opportunity for Federal funding to either expand a currently successful program or accelerate a critical, priority project.

At our May 27, 2025 Legislative meeting, our City Council will endorse a resolution, attached, which will express the support of Council for the City's Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending requests for Fiscal Year 2026. In addition, the resolution requests your support, as Alexandria's Congressional delegation, for these funding proposals and requests.

As our esteemed representatives in Congress, I kindly request your support and advocacy for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending for these City of Alexandria projects in the upcoming appropriations process. Your leadership and dedication to our community are instrumental in ensuring that our city continues to flourish and thrive.

As always, I am grateful for your service to our community and your commitment to identifying and supporting opportunities for Federal funding for critical projects and programs that benefit residents, businesses, workers, and visitors throughout our City. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to the opportunity to discuss these projects further with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyia Gaskins".

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