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

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rochester Public Market in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rochester, located at 30 Church Street, Rochester, NY, 14614.

The funding for this project will enhance the year-round economic viability of the Rochester Public Market by replacing an existing open-air vending pavilion with a weather-protected, heated facility. The new structure will add 60 indoor vending spaces for farmers and vendors, a demonstration kitchen and classroom with seating for 100 people, and a relocated market office—freeing up the historic office space for reuse as a “Rochester Store.” The improved vendor spaces will introduce a new tier of rental options designed for businesses that need more room and amenities, including indoor production areas. This will allow successful vendors to expand their operations within the supportive environment of the market where they’ve already thrived. The new facility will also strengthen the Market’s role as a business incubator. Businesses that began at the market include the Wegmans supermarket chain, Regional Distributors (a major supplier of custodial products), and Black Button Distillery.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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 "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress