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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Hagerty
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
United States Senate
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Dear Chair Van Hollen and Ranking Member Hagerty:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Services and General Government appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator

**Coons, Christopher(D-DE) Financial Services and General Government
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Grow America Fund	This project will allow the Grow America Fund to expand the "Grow Delaware Fund," which provides small business lending-- including SBA-backed lending-- and technical support to small businesses in underserved communities.	New Castle County, Sussex County, Kent County DE	\$1,000
Delaware Sustainable Chemistry Alliance	This project will be used to support early-stage entrepreneurs in the clean energy space through support of organizational staff salaries, entrepreneur roundtables, and entrepreneur showcases.	Newark DE	\$250
Delaware Technology Park	This project will support the DTP@STAR laboratory incubator to support the growth of small science-based startups.	Newark DE	\$600
Cornerstone West CDC	This project will create a culinary incubator that will identify and support local entrepreneurs, establish and sustain successful culinary businesses that can grow and fill vacant commercial spaces, and restore economic vitality in Wilmington, DE.	Wilmington DE	\$1,050
True Access Capital	This project will allow True Access Capital (TAC) to keep pace with its loan portfolio growth by hiring new staff members to expand their organizational capacity. The request will support the staff member salaries.	Wilmington DE	\$178
Delaware Historical Society	This project will collect oral histories of marginalized community members in Delaware and digitize those histories. Funds will also be used to digitally preserve the existing collections of marginalized community histories for expanded access for all Delawareans.	Wilmington DE	\$395
Delaware Black Chamber of Commerce	This project will provide minority business owners with an accelerator space including technical support, shared administrative services, networking opportunities, and advice on management, intellectual property, and sources of financing.	Wilmington DE	\$150
Wilmington Alliance	This project will support the success of the Wilmington Kitchen Collective, the Retail Business Incubator, and the WilmingtonMADE program.	Wilmington DE	\$328
Delaware Innovation Space	This project will support Delaware Innovation Spaces' Science Entrepreneurship Fellowship program, which provides resources, assistance, and support to early-stage science entrepreneurs.	Wilmington DE	\$1,425