



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

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Pine Hill Wellington Hotel Renovation. The entity to receive funding for this project is RUPCO, Inc., located at 289 Fair Street, Kingston, NY 12401.

This funding would be used to renovate a historic hotel into affordable rental units for people who work in and around the Catskills, including a food service for residents and tourists. The housing component would serve low- to moderate-income (LMI) households in an area with a 0% rental vacancy rate and 33% poverty rate. The project would also preserve an architecturally and historically significant structure, preventing environmental degradation from further decay.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses urgent rural housing needs in a community that currently lacks sufficient affordable housing. This project would also stimulate local economic development by bringing in new residents, generating foot traffic for small businesses, and establishing much-needed community services in an underserved area.

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

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JR' with a large loop on the left and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Josh Riley
Member of Congress