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The Honorable Brian Schatz
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Schatz and Ranking Member Collins:

The purpose of this letter is to request technical corrections to Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending projects in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies bill, listed below. We both certify that neither we nor our immediate families have a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that we have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. The reason for this necessary correction is modify the recipient of the congressionally directed spending funding to an eligible nonprofit entity.

Account funded in: HUD EDI

Project Name in the FY22 JES: Constructing commercial kitchen to increase access to healthy food

Recipient Name in the FY22 JES: Cross Street Partners

Project Purpose as originally requested in Legimate: We request \$1.4 million in Congressionally Directed Spending to support The 411 Kitchen project. The 411 Kitchen is part of a broader redevelopment of the former Phillips Packing Company, Factory F (Packing House) in Cambridge, Maryland, and intended to support and grow economic opportunity in agriculture, aquaculture, environmental technologies, and tourism. Federal funds will cover gap financing to finish the physical build out of the project and purchase equipment necessary for a fully functioning commercial kitchen. The 411 Kitchen is a shared-use commercial kitchen designed to empower, elevate and establish a thriving food entrepreneur community in Cambridge and the greater Mid-shore Region. The project will increase access to consistent and healthy food resources for the underserved communities in the region through this project. In addition to educating the region on the benefits of healthy eating, the 411 Kitchen is essential in supporting Maryland's resource-based industries. The kitchen will not only preserve Cambridge's unique agricultural heritage but will launch a new entrepreneurial engine that will bring vibrancy to be agricultural and food-related markets. As part of the broader Packing House redevelopment, the kitchen helps attract private investment, creates economic and employment opportunities, provides job training, reduces vacant space, and grows the local tax base.

Request for technical change: The FY22 JES named an ineligible entity as the recipient of funds. It currently says “Cross Street Partners” but the correct name for the eligible, non-profit organization is “The Good Stuff”.

Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator



Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator