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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 22, 2021

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen Chairman Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith Ranking Member Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Van Hollen and Ranking Member Hyde-Smith:

As the Subcommittee begins its work on the Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill, I would like to take the opportunity to express my support for the programs below listed in order of priority. I certify that none of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Van Hollen and Ranking Member Hyde-Smith:

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 2022 Financial Services and General Government bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

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## Casey, Robert(D-PA) Financial Services and General Government Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

| Recipient Name  | Project Purpose  | Project<br>Location  | Amount<br>Requested<br>(\$000) |
|---|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bedford County<br>Chamber<br>Foundation               | The Russell House Business Education Center Project includes the purchase and renovation of a registered historic landmark in the county seat of Historic Downtown Bedford and its re-purposing into a facility to serve the businesses, non-profit organizations, and students of the Bedford County region.  | Bedford PA           | \$500                          |
| Kutztown<br>University                                | This project will train small businesses in cybersecurity procedures.  | Berks County<br>PA   | \$400                          |
| City of Bethlehem                                     | The City will support the opening of a food co-operative grocery store with an emphasis on locally-sourced produce and products.   | Bethlehem PA         | \$900                          |
| Carbondale Center<br>for Small Business<br>Technology | This project provides needed upgrades to a local incubator for small businesses.   | Carbondale<br>PA     | \$235                          |
| Penn State<br>University                              | The Penn State Innovation Hub, slated to open in October 2021 in downtown State College, will be home to Penn State's flagship entrepreneurship center, the Happy Valley LaunchBox, and will feature a multi-use innovation, making, and learning facility for university innovators and community entrepreneurs. The new facility will serve as the cornerstone of the Penn State entrepreneurial ecosystem, developing and deploying programs and events systemwide. | Centre<br>County PA  | \$800                          |
| Cheyney University                                    | Cheyney University recently launched an initiative called the ThinkUbator that invites the thriving life sciences community to come to Cheyney's campus. Small businesses seeking a rural location with space to grow their company can set up shop and engage students of color in training and meaningful mentorship.  | Chester<br>County PA | \$1,500                        |
| Downtown<br>Hazleton Alliance<br>for Progress         | This funding will support the fourth and final phase of renovation to a formerly blighted property, located in the Downtown Hazleton's Main Street District, for the purpose of providing leasable low cost flex-office and micro-scale manufacturing space to home-grown entrepreneurs and business startups.   | Hazelton PA          | \$390                          |
| VestedIn  | This project will create a promotional video campaign to support Philadelphia's small businesses and neighborhoods.  | Philadelphia<br>PA   | \$150                          |
| Enterprise Center<br>Community<br>Development Corp.   | This project supports start up culinary businesses in Philadelphia.  | Philadelphia<br>PA   | \$1,000                        |
| Urban<br>Redevelopment<br>Authority of<br>Pittsburgh  | Avenues of Hope is an initiative to invest in small businesses and current residents in seven historically Black or under-invested neighborhoods within the City of Pittsburgh.  | Pittsburgh PA        | \$3,600                        |
| Downtown<br>Shenandoah, Inc.                          | This project creates a coworking space with support services for small businesses.   | Shenandoah<br>PA     | \$1,000                        |
| Venango County  | This project rehabilitates a community building to host local small businesses.  | Venango<br>County PA | \$1,000                        |