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Secretary Linda McMahon  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave, SW,  
Washington, DC 20202

Re: ARP/ESSER Funding Liquidation

Dear Secretary McMahon,

I am writing to you to respectfully request you consider extending the liquidation period of ARP/ESSER funds for a critical project that was approved in my district.

Middletown City Schools, which, as you know is in Vice President Vance's hometown, reached out to me regarding a project that they were approved to receive ARP/ESSER funding toward. Their request was approved in late February, and they began construction on the new maintenance and transportation facility: one that is sorely needed in the district.

They were approved for \$6.76 million toward the project and have already received \$1.2 million of the funds. The project is \$10 million in total, and they have already committed a significant amount of time and money toward the upgrade.

As a fiscal conservative, I fully understand the need to cut unnecessary funding—and I am proud to have witnessed some of the brave steps the administration has taken so far. But there are some projects which are a good use of taxpayer funds, and that improve the basic quality of life for our children. This project is one of those.

And this upgrade is not one that is voluntary. It is a critical upgrade to the school's transportation infrastructure. I strongly believe it is unfair for a school to receive approval, begin construction after receiving a portion of the funds, and then be notified they will not be receiving the remainder—nobody can conduct business in this manner.

Thus, I respectfully request you reconsider the ending of the liquidation period for this project. If you have any questions about my letter or about the project itself, please feel free to contact me at 614-466-8072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Lang".

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