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The Honorable Linda McMahon
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary McMahon,

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

Middletown City Schools informed me of potential policy changes regarding their project that was approved to receive ARP/ESSER funding. This request was approved in late February of this year, and they have already initiated construction of this new maintenance and transportation facility.

In February of this year, Middletown School Corporation was approved for \$6.76 million toward the project and has already received \$1.2 million of these funds. The project is \$10 million in total, and they have already committed a significant amount of time and money toward this upgrade. It is my understanding that the Department of Education is moving to liquidate existing ARP/ESSER funding.

As a fiscal conservative, I fully understand the need to cut unnecessary funding and applaud the efforts to eliminate excessive covid-era spending. However, there are certain projects, such as Middletown School's transportation construction project, that deserve flexibility given the investment they have made. Given Middletown's good faith efforts to comply with the Department's policies and the large capital investment that would be wasted, this project would be highly meritorious for review for a waiver or extension.

In conclusion, I respectfully request you give full and fair consideration to Middletown School Districts request for flexibility regarding ARP/ESSER funding use relating to transportation facility construction.

Sincerely,



Warren Davidson
Member of Congress