

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 18, 2015

The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita M. Lowey  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ander Crenshaw  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable José E. Serrano  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairmen Rogers and Crenshaw and Ranking Members Lowey and Serrano:

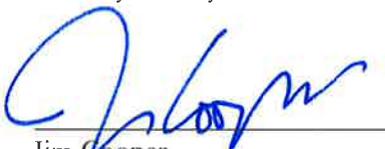
As members of the bipartisan Congressional Courthouse Caucus, we respectfully request that you include funding for courthouse construction in final FY 2016 appropriations bill.

We were pleased to see that the President's FY 2016 Budget, as well as the Senate's FY2016 appropriations bill, included funding for top priorities on the Judiciary's Five-Year Courthouse Project Plan. This is a significant step forward in restoring order to the courthouse construction program.

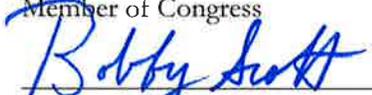
We are acutely aware of the budget limitations of the last several years. However, the average courthouse project on the Five-Year Plan has been languishing for nearly two decades. Conditions have deteriorated and space is insufficient to carry out trials. More importantly, current courthouses pose security concerns for judges, staff and the public. Federal courts that have undeniable security, space and functionality needs should not be overlooked. Movement on priority courthouses around the country cannot begin soon enough.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership in this process.

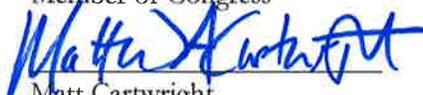
Sincerely,



Jim Cooper  
Member of Congress



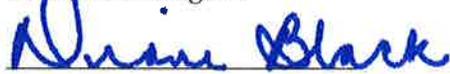
Robert C. "Bobby" Scott  
Member of Congress



Matt Cartwright  
Member of Congress



Marsha Blackburn  
Member of Congress



Diane Black  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Thad Cochran, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Barbara Mikulski, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable John Boozman, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Christopher Coons, Senate Appropriations Committee