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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H 307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Community Outreach Center Reconstruction, Improvements, and Installation Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the City of El Cajon, located at 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020.

The funding would be used for costs associated with reconstruction, improvements, and installation to retrofit part of a community center for emergency, radio, and television outreach.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help close a critical gap in the City's ability to communicate with its significant number of Christian refugee citizens and others who speak Middle Eastern languages, many of whom are below the poverty line. It will also allow El Cajon to fill this gap for neighboring communities by reaching San Diego County's well over 100,000 Middle Eastern language speakers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this important project.

Sincerely,

DARRELL ISSA Member of Congress