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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Community Economic Opportunity Initiative project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Antonio Westside Development Corporation, located at 610 S.W. 41st Street, Building B, San Antonio, TX 78237.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this initiative represents a unique opportunity to transform a vacant property into a vibrant center of economic activity and community engagement. Further, this project aims to revitalize this landmark property and catalyze positive change in the surrounding area. At the core of the vision is the creation of a multifunctional space that serves as a nexus for small business support and entrepreneurial innovation. The renovated facility will house a comprehensive suite of resources, including access to capital, technical assistance services, training programs, and incubation space, all tailored to meet the needs of local entrepreneurs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress