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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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Greater South San Antonio Empowerment Center at CHEST project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding is the County of Bexar, located at 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

This funding will be used to repurpose an old elementary school into a centralized hub for the community to support a food pantry, clothing closet, exercise equipment, meeting space for community organizations, among other resources for the residents of Bexar County.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funding will revitalize a vacant public asset in a way that benefits the surrounding neighborhood and supports long-term community development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Joaquin Castro  
Member of Congress