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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 Leon Valley Community Workforce & Digital Access Expansion project in FY 27. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Leon Valley, Texas, located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238.

This funding would be used to construct a 6,000–8,000 square foot addition to the Leon Valley Public Library to expand capacity for workforce development, small business support, and digital access services. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it leverages established public infrastructure to deliver scalable workforce and economic opportunity in the form of a workforce lab, training classroom, small business consultation rooms, and youth innovation space. This will support job readiness assistance, credentialing support, financial literacy education, and digital skills training.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 5305(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended.

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