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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman 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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Community Economic Empowerment Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is LiftFund Inc., located at 2014 S Hackberry St, San Antonio, TX 78210. The funding would be used to rehabilitate a building in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood to turn it into a Community Economic Empowerment center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project aims to further establish, reconstruct, and rehabilitate an idle building complex. The rehabilitation of the building complex would promote community economic development by providing small businesses incubation space to get the resources they need to grow and thrive, such as access to capital and technical assistance services and training.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 USC 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

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