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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Project Building Up! in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Merced Housing Texas, located at 120 W. Mistletoe Ave. San Antonio, TX 78212. The funding would be used to repair the homes of low-income homeowners in the Texas 20th Congressional District. The rehabilitated homes will be renovated to address ADA modifications, energy consumption, safety issues among other concerns to provide better living conditions for the homeowners.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Project Building Up will help preserve the single-family housing stock, as prescribed by the San Antonio Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP). The City's plan was developed in collaboration with community and housing stakeholders to address San Antonio's urgent housing crisis. The SHIP has a goal of preserving 10,986 existing affordable homes. These repairs will reduce blight and stabilize neighborhoods in the district, keeping the city on track to meet and exceed its goals.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by U.S. Code 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