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

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the renovation of St. Mary's University of San Antonio's Family Life Center (FLC).

The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Mary's University of San Antonio located at One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228.

The funding would be used for the renovation of the Family Life Center (FLC) at St. Mary's University of San Antonio, a mental health clinic and classroom serving the Westside of San Antonio, while also training counselors and therapists for professional practice. The renovation will update technology infrastructure for tele-therapy, classrooms, patient therapy rooms and faculty offices, patient areas, security, and building access. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the FLC meets the dramatically increased mental health needs of underserved populations in the community where incomes hover between 39% and 38% below the poverty rate, and the population is over 80% Hispanic.

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

Sincerely,

Joaquin Castro Member of Congress