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Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Far East El Paso County Port to Port Comprehensive Economic Development Plan for Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of El Paso, Texas, located at 500 E. San Antonio, El Paso, Texas, 79901.

The funding would be used to develop a comprehensive economic development plan, including identification of future investment opportunities for private and public landowners, to activate and further enhance ongoing activity at two public economic development assets in Far East El Paso County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the use of public funding to spur private sector investment will benefit the region at large through job creation, increased revenue, innovation, and healthy competition. It offers the County an opportunity to leverage the strengths of the private sector, allowing them to allocate resources towards public goods and services, which can lead to long-term gains for the regional economy.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 530(a)(1), 530(a)(2), 530(a)(3), 530(a)(4), and 530(a)(5) of the Community Development Block Grant Program, 42 U.S.C.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress