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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Galilee Center Facility Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Galilee Center at 66101 Hammond Road, PO BOX 308, Mecca, CA 92254.

The funding would be used to expand their shelter. This will consist of replacing 50-plus-year-old concrete slabs in front and back of the facility and reconfiguring their kitchen, and equipment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the center serves the unincorporated areas of Mecca, Thermal, North Shore, Oasis, Desert Shores, Salton Sea, and the cities of Coachella and Indio in our district, which is home to some of the poorest families in California. The center offers dignity, safety, and well-being to families in this community in need and the working poor with nowhere else to go. Without shelter, these people would be forced to sleep in the fields or cars.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). This funding will be used to improve essential community facilities including necessary related equipment, all primarily serving farmers, rural residents, farm tenants, and farm laborers.

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

Sincerely,


Raul Ruiz, M.D.
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