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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 Desert Recreation District Project Oasis Park Community Center & Shade Structure in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Desert Recreation District at 45-305 Oasis Street, Indio, California, 92201

The funding would be used to complete design for and construct the Oasis Park Community Center and park shade structures, located at the Oasis Community Park in unincorporated Riverside County, California.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the unincorporated community of Oasis, in Riverside County, currently has no indoor space that could serve as a hub for emergency services or recreation in the area. The Desert Recreation District (DRD) recently constructed a brand new park on a former school site in the community and has allocated land for the construction of a new community center. The location was selected due to its centralized location in the community making it easy to access in the event of an emergency. The proposed project will create a new and long-term resource for the community to access ongoing programs like educational, employment and workforce development support. The requested funds will allow for the completion of design and construction of the entire building by 2026.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in by 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(2).

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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