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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$10,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Noel Jones Empowerment Village Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Noel Jones Empowerment Village, located at 14527 S San Pedro St, Gardena, CA 90248. The funding would be used to enable the Noel Jones Empowerment Village Project to acquire property and renovate purchased buildings to provide shelters for men, women, and children; safe parking sites; food banks; and youth and senior community centers. The renovated buildings would include a gymnasium with basketball and volleyball courts for youth and a community center that could offer educational classes, job-training, and other programs. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance the ability of Noel Jones Empowerment Village to fulfill its mission, which is to provide quality services that enable people to become self-sufficient and productive members of the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

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Maxine Waters Member of Congress