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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 \$4,000,000 in Community Project Funding for the Watts Towers Campus Renovation Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, located at 1689 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90026. The funding would be used to transform the Watts Towers Campus into a much-needed vibrant community open space and community hub. The proposed improvements – including the addition of new interactive elements, a looped walking path, shade, and seating – will create a more open and inviting campus for residents and visitors and help build the social fabric that defines safe and connected communities. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides critical park and culture space within a disadvantaged community, in the vicinity of a National Historic Landmark that draws tens of thousands of visitors from around the world each year.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 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,

Mujie Wato

Maxine Waters Member of Congress