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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, D.C. 20515

May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Barbara Unified School District's Harding Community Resource Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 1625 Robbins Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

This funding would be used for the construction of the Santa Barbara Unified School District's Harding Community Resource Center. The Resource Center would provide a flexible, responsive, and accessible multipurpose space on the Harding University Partnership School campus on Santa Barbara's Westside which is located in a "service desert." It will also provide space for community services and interactions between the broad ranges of residents in the neighborhood, from newborns to seniors, reflecting the exceptionally broad demographic range of Santa Barbara's westside community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide a community space in a diverse neighborhood that includes one of Santa Barbara's highest concentrations of economically-disadvantaged households.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress