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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of San Buenaventura New Beginnings Interim Shelter in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 756 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001.

The funding would be used for developing a non-congregate interim shelter that would serve individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The City's current congregate emergency shelter has limited capacity. This new shelter would provide case management, housing navigation and other supportive services through competitive and non-competitive grants at the local, state, and federal levels. In the consolidated plan that the City developed with neighboring cities, they identified the need to address and combat homelessness in their community and throughout the County of Ventura by providing emergency and interim shelter, housing, and social services to those at risk or experiencing homelessness.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new shelter would serve individuals and families in the City of San Buenaventura experiencing homelessness.

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

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

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress