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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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May 23, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the County of Santa Barbara for the Lompoc Animal Shelter in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 1501 W Central Ave Lompoc, CA 93436.

The funding would be used for rebuilding the Santa Barbara County Lompoc Animal Shelter. The shelter needs facility improvements in order to continue to supply the community with quality Animal Services support, and to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people and animals and people in the region. The rebuild will repair/replace an aging, unsafe facility and allow the restoration of full services to this community. Investing in the Lompoc Animal Shelter will have positive economic implications for the community. Additionally, the project may create employment opportunities during the construction phase, stimulating local economic growth.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the improvements will ensure continued animal support services to approximately one fourth of Santa Barbara County's residents, many underserved and economically marginalized, as well as rural and agricultural residents.

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