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

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for American Indian Health & Services' Las Positas Project for new construction to expand dental services and administrative functions. The entity to receive funding for this project is the American Indian Health & Services located at 3227 Las Positas, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. This funding will help expand access to critical dental services for low income and underserved individuals in Santa Barbara County.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because dental health disparities remain significant in the area, particularly among Indigenous populations. The new construction will house expanded dental services and administrative functions, allowing American Indian Health & Services of Santa Barbara to increase patient capacity, reduce wait times, improve care coordination, and meet growing regional demand for accessible, competent healthcare. This funding would directly address these gaps by providing modern, appropriately sized clinical space, supporting preventive care, chronic disease management, and improved health outcomes while strengthening the local healthcare safety net.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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