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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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March 27, 2026

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Santa Barbara Low Barrier Emergency Shelter Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. The requested federal funding will be used to make critical repairs and upgrades at the emergency shelter located at 816 Cacique Street, focusing on priority life-safety, accessibility, and core building system needs identified through a facility assessment. Improvements include plumbing repairs and replacements (such as leak remediation, fixture and line upgrades, and ADA-compliant restroom improvements), HVAC repairs to ensure reliable heating and cooling in dorm and service areas, enhanced safety and security features (including lighting, access control, and camera coverage where needed), and a kitchen renovation to support safe, code-compliant meal service for approximately 100 shelter residents.

The project represents a good use of taxpayer dollars because it preserves an existing public asset, avoids far more costly emergency repairs or replacement, and delivers immediate, measurable benefits by maintaining safe, stable shelter capacity for a vulnerable population while reducing long-term strain on local emergency and public service systems.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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