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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for County of Santa Barbara's purchase and customization of a Mobile Dental Vehicle (MDV). The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Santa Barbara located at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. This funding would be used to purchase and customize a three-chair Mobile Dental Vehicle for County Public Health Department clinical operations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because access to dental care is a challenge and many of the underserved population served by community health centers in Santa Barbara County cannot afford or easily schedule seeing a dentist. An MDV would be a dedicated part of the health care safety net in Santa Barbara County and could easily travel between five clinics serving Carpinteria, Franklin, Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria. By adding an MDV to the County Public Health Department clinical operations, this would significantly improve access to dental care in the area.

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