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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 Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the County of Ventura Ojai Library Roof Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93009. The requested federal funding will be used to replace the aging roof of the Ojai Library to extend its functional lifespan, prevent water intrusion, and prepare the structure for potential future solar panel installation to support a recently added battery backup system. These upgrades will help ensure the library remains open and operational during extreme weather events and Public Safety Power Shutoff scenarios, reinforcing its role as a critical community resource.

The project represents a good use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses deferred maintenance in a cost-effective way while preserving an essential public facility that provides climate-controlled shelter, access to power and internet, and emergency support for residents during outages and severe weather.

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