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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ventura County DA - VC Family Justice Center – Emergency DV/SA Shelter Housing in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Ventura, District Attorney's Office and the project is located at 3170 Loma Vista Road, Ventura 93003.

The funding would be used to provide up to 17 additional rooms for domestic violence and sexual assault victims who are fleeing from abuse. The Ventura County Family Justice Center (FJC) began as a pilot project in the Ventura County Superior Courthouse in March of 2019 and served 1,705 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking in its first year. It now regularly serves over 2,000 crime victims annually. The VC Family Justice Center-Emergency DV/SA Housing project brings assistance with emergency housing, restraining orders, U-Visas, family law matters and access to the over 35 other partnering agency services currently only available at the Ventura FJC.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it protects children and adults suffering from domestic abuse.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42  $U.S.C.\ 5305(a)(2)$ .

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