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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Zapata County Health Clinic Modernization in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Zapata County located at 200 E. 7th Avenue Zapata, TX 78076.

The Community Project Funding would be used to renovate and modernize the Zapata County Clinic, Texas. The project includes replacement of the HVAC system, roof replacement, clinical flooring upgrades, LED lighting installation, installation of a backup generator, and exterior facility improvements necessary to meet modern healthcare standards. The project will serve a rural and medically underserved population, including veterans, low-income residents, children, and elderly patients who face limited access to alternative providers and transportation barriers. The project will benefit the district by improving the safety, reliability, and functionality of a critical healthcare facility, ensuring continued access to essential services and strengthening healthcare infrastructure in Zapata County.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it rehabilitates a critical healthcare facility to ensure continued access to reliable medical services and improve care delivery for underserved populations in a rural community.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Henry Cuellar

U.S. Congressman  
28th District of Texas