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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 City of Laredo Animal Shelter Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Laredo, located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas 78040.

The Community Project Funding would be used to expand and improve the City of Laredo's existing municipal animal shelter facility to enhance public health, safety, and access to essential animal care services. The project will include facility expansion and interior build out to accommodate additional clinical and service space, as well as the acquisition of equipment necessary to support preventive care operations. The project will benefit the district by addressing public health challenges, reducing animal overpopulation, and improving community safety through expanded access to preventive animal care services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands and improves a critical community facility through targeted renovation, expansion, and equipment investments that enhance animal care services, including spay and neuter efforts to address overpopulation, and increase access of services for residents, including low-to-moderate income populations.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Henry Cuellar

U.S. Congressman
28th District of Texas