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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 San Augustine Plaza Historic Preservation and Infrastructure Improvements 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 rehabilitate and modernize critical infrastructure within a historic public gathering space in Laredo, Texas. The project includes electrical upgrades and full rewiring of the outdoor lighting system, replacement and modernization of aging plumbing infrastructure, reconstruction of walkways to meet ADA accessibility standards, and installation of shade structures to improve safety and usability. The project will serve residents and visitors, including low- to moderate-income populations, who rely on the plaza as a central location for community events and public gatherings. The project will benefit the district by improving public safety, expanding access to accessible infrastructure, and enhancing the functionality of a key community space that supports local activity and quality of life.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it rehabilitates essential public infrastructure in a heavily utilized community space, improving safety, ADA accessibility, and reliability while supporting economic activity and quality of life 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