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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 Veterans Community Center 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 construct a Veterans Community Center in Laredo, Texas, designed to provide a safe, accessible, and welcoming public facility for veterans, military members, and their families. The project includes the development of multipurpose community spaces, meeting rooms, wellness programming areas, flexible gathering areas, and outdoor improvements, all incorporating energy-efficient systems and ADA-accessible design. The project will serve veterans and military families, including low- to moderate-income populations, who currently lack a centralized space for community engagement and access to services. The project will benefit the district by expanding access to essential community infrastructure, strengthening community engagement, and improving quality of life for veterans through increased access to services and social support.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it creates a dedicated public facility that expands access to essential services, strengthens community engagement, and improves quality of life for veterans, military members, and their families, 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

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U.S. Congressman
28th District of Texas