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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 Duval County Community Pavilion Facilities Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Duval County, located at 400 E. Gravis Ave, San Diego, TX 78384.

The Community Project Funding would be used to construct two multipurpose pavilions in the rural communities of Benavides and Freer in Duval County, Texas. The project includes development of accessible, centrally located facilities designed to support community services, educational programming, workforce development initiatives, and coordinated outreach by local, state, and federal partners. The project will serve residents across Duval County, including low and moderate-income populations, who face limited access to adequate shaded outdoor public facilities capable of supporting structured programming, public meetings, and coordinated service delivery. The project will benefit the district by strengthening public infrastructure, expanding access to essential services and programming, and improving quality of life in underserved rural communities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it constructs critically needed community facilities that expand access to services, workforce programming, and public infrastructure for residents in rural and underserved areas, 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