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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for La Casa de los Abuelitos in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Opportunity for the Homeless, located at 1208 Myrtle Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79901.

The funding would be used to construct a new Abuelitos facility as a permanent home for El Paso's elderly and frail homeless male population. The facility will be comprised of both transitional (shelter) and permanent beds and will specifically target homeless men who are harder to serve, those who are frail, in need of additional support services, and most at risk in a normal shelter setting. Utilizing a vacant lot at 150 Brown Street, this proposal involves the development of a new housing facility with 31 beds that will be designed to address the needs of a more elderly and frail population that will include ADA-compliant showers, restrooms, etc. The facility will also include a kitchen/dining area, office space, laundry room, and other essential components.

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

Sincerely,

Veronica Escobar Member of Congress