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March 31, 2023

Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rio Vista Rehabilitation Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Socorro, located at located at 124 Horizon Blvd, Socorro, Texas 79927. The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of six (6) buildings at the historic Rio Vista Farm for reuse as a small business incubator, workforce and continuing education classrooms, and the community's first-ever public library.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly support jobseekers, small businesses, and micro businesses located in Socorro, Texas, and surrounding marginalized communities in East El Paso County, leading to job retention, job creation, and private investments in underserved populations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

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