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March 29, 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 Replacing Aging Emergency Generator and Adding Solar Capacity project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso, located at 4815 Alameda Ave. 8th Floor, El Paso, TX 79905. The funding would be used to replace the University Medical Center's aging 2.5MW emergency generator and add power storage and solar capacity to the hospital.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enhances the reliability and operational capacity of the hospital's critical systems, cuts greenhouse gas emissions to help build a healthier and more resilient community, reduces utility costs, and protects against electricity interruptions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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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