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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for I-10 Deck Plaza Phase II Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of El Paso, located at 300 N. Campbell, El Paso, Texas 79901.

The funding would be used for on-system (TxDOT) structural improvements for the I-10 Deck Plaza including support, tunnel, and cap structures over Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) in Downtown El Paso, Texas.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will physically reconnect Downtown and Uptown El Paso, de-emphasize the current vehicular-centric environment, and facilitate all modes of travel, especially for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit users. Transportation challenges impacting the I-10 Downtown corridor include traffic growth, deficient roadway infrastructure, safety concerns, and the lack of multimodal mobility options, which limit the ability of residents to access areas where they live, work, heal, learn, play, and pray. The Deck Plaza is a community-led complement to the TxDOT Downtown10 Project, not a contributor to the highway expansion. The Deck Plaza will address incomplete segments of streets crossing I-10 where pedestrians encounter unsafe environments, often as a result from lacking pedestrian amenities. Wide, high-speed, one-way streets are common. The Project can address transportation needs while honoring a historical pedestrian system of green spaces and plazas prior to the construction of I-10 and recreating a sense of community in downtown and uptown El Paso.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Escobar".

Member of Congress