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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Animal Welfare Shelter Equipment Acquisition project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is El Paso County, located at 500 E. San Antonio, El Paso, TX 79901. The funding would be used for the acquisition and installation of equipment necessary for this shelter to begin taking in animals from this region and provide them with treatment and care.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the equipment will help this new animal shelter meet rising demand for animal welfare services in a rapidly growing area. The equipment will be used to meet the shelter's operational needs and enhance the County's ability to mitigate the risk associated with uncontrolled animal populations. Additionally, this facility will support detainees from the East Montana Detention facility by creating job training opportunities to reduce recidivism and improve their chances of successful reentry into the workforce. The equipment acquired through this project will be critical for this program.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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".

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress