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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ventura County District Attorney's Office East County Family Justice Center Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, located at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite 314, Ventura, CA 93009-2730.

The funding would be used for improving the effectiveness of law enforcement and provide access to justice for all communities in Ventura County, including underserved populations, by bringing governmental agencies, law enforcement and non-profit service providers under one roof to serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, dependent adult abuse, human trafficking and hate crimes. Specifically, the funds will support staffing, training, IT services, office setup, equipment, rent, and program evaluation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the East County Family Justice Center will bring critical services to victims and families in the eastern portion of Ventura County who are impacted by crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, dependent adult abuse, human trafficking and hate crimes. Violent crimes, especially domestic violence, and child abuse, have a ripple effect which extends to our families, friends, coworkers, and others in our community. Children who have adverse childhood experiences are more likely to become perpetrators of domestic violence as adults, commit other crimes, are more likely to become substance abusers, and are more likely to be abused as adults. This project is also a good use of taxpayer funds as it will increase public safety, make law enforcement more effective, reduce the generational cycle of violence, reduce the negative impacts to public health and prevent an increase in criminal justice system costs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

JULIA BROWNLEY  
Member of Congress