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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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Calabasas Community Center Generator Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Calabasas, located at 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302.

The funding would be used for installation of an emergency generator at the Calabasas Community Center, which serves as a secondary City Hall, Emergency Operations Center, SCE Resource Center, and community refuge during major incidents. The facility plays a critical role during wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoff events but currently lacks permanent backup power, limiting its reliability during emergencies. The project will install a 400 kW generator, transfer switch, and related electrical improvements to support HVAC, lighting, and critical communications systems. Once completed, the Community Center will be able to operate continuously during power outages and sustain emergency services for residents and responders. The project aligns with regional mitigation planning efforts, and all funds would be expended within twelve months of receipt. This investment strengthens emergency preparedness and ensures the facility can function during emergencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens critical emergency infrastructure that protects lives, maintains continuity of government, and supports local economic stability during disasters. By ensuring the Calabasas Community Center can operate during power outages, the City will be able to coordinate emergency response, provide reliable information to residents, and offer a safe location for community members during wildfires and other regional emergencies. Reliable emergency operations also help minimize business disruptions by enabling faster response and recovery efforts, which supports local employers, workers, and the broader economy. Investments in resilient infrastructure like this help communities prepare for increasingly frequent power outages and disasters, reduce long-term recovery costs, and ensure that both residents and businesses can depend on essential public services when they are needed most. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

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