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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Downtown Soledad Streetscape Enhancement Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Soledad, located at 248 Main Street, Soledad CA 93960. This funding would be used to revitalizing Downtown through strategic streetscape enhancement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of its comprehensive approach to enhancing economic growth and community well-being. By integrating strategic streetscape enhancements and public art, the project aims to transform Downtown into a vibrant, attractive, and safe area, which is expected to increase foot traffic and support local businesses. These improvements will not only boost the local economy by attracting more residents and visitors but will also create a more engaging and accessible urban environment. Additionally, the project leverages local talent, engaging artists to contribute to the area's aesthetic and cultural appeal, further enriching the community's identity and pride. The shovel-ready status of the project ensures that the benefits can be realized quickly, providing immediate enhancements and laying the groundwork for long-term economic and social returns, making it an effective and strategic deployment of public resources.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by e Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren,
Member of Congress