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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Soledad Container Village Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Soledad, located at 248 Main Street, CA 93960.

The funding would be used for to initiate Phase One construction of the City's Container Village Project, a transformative economic development initiative designed to activate Soledad's Downtown Corridor, support local entrepreneurs, and create jobs. The project will repurpose shipping containers into affordable, flexible business incubator spaces for emerging small businesses, lowering barriers to entry and fostering locally owned enterprises. Phase One funding will finalize project design and commence construction. The city has already completed a feasibility study, conceptual plans, Phase I and II soils assessments, utility connections, and invested \$4.5 million in surrounding downtown infrastructure improvements, demonstrating strong project readiness and local investment. With downtown vacancy rates below 5%, the Container Village will provide critically needed commercial space for growing local businesses. Federal investment will accelerate delivery of this shovel-ready project, catalyze private investment, and deliver measurable economic and community benefits aligned with local, state, and national priorities for economic resilience, adaptive reuse, and sustainable development.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funding would enable the City of Soledad to move from planning and readiness activities into construction, creating local construction and skilled-trades jobs as the site is built. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 530 (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 blue ink, appearing to read "Zoe Lofgren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Zoe Lofgren  
Member of Congress