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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee H-307 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 Bloomington Animal Shelter Construction in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Bernardino County, located at 385 North Arrowhead Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415.

The funding would be used to construct a new animal shelter that will significantly improve animal care in California's 33rd Congressional District, while promoting public safety through the management of stray animals, abused pets and other homeless animals. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the region has seen a 49% increase in animals entering their shelters in the past two years. Investing in this facility will improve public safety and will create more jobs for the region.

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,

Pete Aguilar Member of Congress