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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Herbert Avenue Public Housing Development Elevators Modernization Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles County Development Authority located at 700 W. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 91801.

This project would provide capital funding to address critical elevator system failures at the Herbert Avenue Apartments. Herbert Avenue Apartments is a 46-unit public housing development serving low-income seniors and residents with disabilities who rely on elevator service as their primary means of vertical access. A comprehensive Elevator Maintenance and Condition Audit identified severe deficiencies affecting both elevators that pose immediate risks to resident health, safety, and accessibility.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because elevator outages and system deficiencies pose significant risks to residents who rely on elevators for daily movement within the building. Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) NSPIRE standards, inoperable or unreliable elevators are classified as health and safety failures requiring timely correction. Routine maintenance alone is insufficient to ensure reliable elevator service, resulting in limited ability for residents to leave their homes and potential delays in access for emergency response personnel during medical or other urgent situations. The residents living at the Herbert Avenue Apartments would benefit, especially the seniors and those with mobility challenges.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Gomez".

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress