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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Highland Park Housing for Transition-Age Foster Youth project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services located at 6957 N. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 90042. The funding would be used to fund renovations of several vacant buildings on Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services' Highland Park campus to create 80 units of affordable housing, within a live-work community, for transition-age youth exiting foster care.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these units would become part of Los Angeles' continuum of transitional housing and their operations would be sustained through California's THP-Plus, and similar, public funding streams.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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