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Congress of the United States

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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Ceres' American Legion Memorial Building Resiliency Center Renovation Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive the funding is the City of Ceres, located at 2220 Magnolia Street, Ceres, CA 95307. The funding would be used to finish renovations of the American Legion Memorial Hall, which houses both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and serves as a primary resiliency center to be used during natural disasters. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the American Legion Memorial Building Resiliency Center, when completed, will serve both veterans and many in Ceres who do not have access to emergency services during times of crisis.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



John S. Duarte
Member of Congress