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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

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 Merced's Childs and Canal Roadway Construction Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive the funding is the City of Merced, located at 678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340. The funding would be used to construct 2,000 feet of roadway, access ramps, and controlled pedestrian street crossings. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase pedestrian safety while creating an avenue to a grocery store to address food insecurity in the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by 23 United States Code 133(b).

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