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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
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and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Austin - Early Childhood Center + Behavioral Health Building Rehab and Security Upgrades project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, located at 301 West Second Street, Second Floor, Austin, TX 78701.

The funding would be used by Open Door Preschools and Integral Care for building rehabilitation and renovation, increasing efficiency, upgrading plumbing, and modernizing security and accessibility for children and families. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by replacing 40-yo windows and HVAC, the project reduces long-term utility costs and physical plant overhead for Integral Care. Furthermore, upgrading the kitchen allows the program to leverage Federal School Lunch dollars, bringing new resources to the community to combat food insecurity. Most important, it ensures continuity of care—preventing facility closures due to system failures so working parents do not lose wages.

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,

Lloyd Doggett