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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cuidando Los Niños Early Childhood Education and Family Stabilization Facility Expansion project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cuidando Los Niños, located in 1500 Walter St SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120.

The funding would be used to support construction costs associated with expanding the organization's existing facility, increasing capacity from approximately 55 children to more than 80 children and their families. The project will replace an existing structure with a newly constructed facility designed to provide early childhood education, childcare, and family stabilization services for families experiencing housing instability.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands access to affordable childcare and supportive services that enable parents to participate in the workforce, increase household income, and achieve long-term housing stability. This investment will reduce reliance on emergency services, strengthen economic mobility for low-income families, and generate long-term cost savings through improved early childhood outcomes.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), which support the construction and improvement of public facilities and the rehabilitation or reconstruction of buildings to serve community development needs.

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

Sincerely,



Melanie Ann Stansbury

Member of Congress

