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April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Caruthers Education and Community Activity Center Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Caruthers Unified School District located at 1 Tiller Avenue, Caruthers, CA 93609.

The funding would be used to feature new and improved grounds and public service facilities with sufficient parking providing improved health and education programs for students, and access for Caruthers families and children to attend town and community events such as the Caruthers State Fair. The Caruthers Education and Community Activity Center will give the rural agricultural community of Caruthers critically needed infrastructure to provide children, students, and families a safe and secure location for outdoor recreation and social activities, and provide Caruthers a modern, secure facility for official events and programs. The low-income, rural communities surrounding Caruthers have no local parks or dedicated community activity centers. The only publicly maintained green spaces accessible to the public are those on Caruthers school grounds, which currently are not equipped with lighting for evening use and have no restrooms or common facilities for public use outside school hours.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

David G. Valadao

Member of Congress