



UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Kern County Health Care Clinic Renovation and Investment Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kern County Health Care Clinic Renovation and Investment Project in FY 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Clinica Sierra Vista, located at 1430 Truxtun Ave, Suite 400, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

The funding for this project will be used to construct a new health clinic in Bakersfield to increase the access to care for residents, including primary care, pulmonology services, and substance use disorder treatment. Project funding will also be used to acquire critical equipment for additional Clinica Sierra Vista clinics throughout Kern County, including the purchase of exam beds, nebulizers, ultrasounds and EKG machines. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it serves to increase healthcare access in a high-need community that has been federally designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and a Medically Underserved Population (MUP).

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress