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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: Kettleman City Broadband Connectivity Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kettleman City Broadband Connectivity Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Kings located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, CA 93230.

The funding would bring high-speed internet access to hundreds of families and businesses in the low-income and underserved community of Kettleman City by building out 10 miles of high-speed internet infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide residents and businesses access to high-speed internet, boost economic growth, and improve the development of digital skills.

This project has a Federal nexus as it is for the same purposes authorized in the pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141).

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

Sincerely,

David G. Valadao Member of Congress