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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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: Community Project Funding Request for the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter Project**

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Open Door Network located at 1921 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

The funding would be used for to support the construction of a new homeless shelter campus to provide specialized services for victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault, most of whom are also homeless. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this facility will house up to 380 families experiencing homelessness at a time. Together with the improved community center, this facility will help break the cycle of poverty families face and improve socio-economic outcomes in the Kern County area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by **5305(a)(2)**.

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', written in a cursive style.

David G. Valadao  
Member of Congress