



UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) Food Bank expansion in Bakersfield, CA in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community Action Partnership of Kern, located at 5005 Business Park North, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

The funding will be used to create an additional truck loading dock and a dock for partner agency vehicles and add a clean room for sorting and packaging food. In Kern County, Bakersfield is known as “The Hungriest City in America”, according to the Food Research and Action Center, 2018 report, and 76,287 (27%) of children are food insecure—lacking consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life (USDA). The expansion of the CAPK Food Bank will allow CAPK to better respond to food insecurity in Kern County and provide increased support and assistance to some of the poorest communities in California’s 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

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

Sincerely,

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

David G. Valadao  
Member of Congress