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April 27, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Clinical Research and Diagnostic Center: Valley Fever Institute at Kern Medical Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kern County Hospital Authority located at 1700 Mount Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93306.

The funding would be used to continue the Valley Fever Institute's mission to improve treatment and increase education and awareness for the public, patients, and health care providers. The Valley Fever Institute has the largest population of patients with Valley Fever, and they treat patients from not only the region, but from across the United States and even internationally. The project would fund research capacity and development that includes a clinical research lab. This funding is the critical next step toward a vaccine for Valley Fever. If left untreated or mistreated, an infection from Valley Fever can quickly spread from the lungs to the bloodstream, leading to meningitis, inflammation to the skin, and brain swelling, sometimes resulting in a requirement of lifelong treatments.

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