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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-305, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the New San Carlos Library in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Diego, located at 202 C Street, Floor 11, San Diego, CA 92101. The funding would be used to help build the long-awaited, highly anticipated, new flagship branch for the Navajo community (encapsulating Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, and San Carlos) within the City of San Diego. The new library will have sufficient office space for staff, sufficient restrooms, adequate programming and community meeting spaces, a dedicated children's or teens area, adequate parking, and necessary infrastructure for technology upgrades and improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current San Carlos library opened in 1974. There have been limited improvements to the facility over the past 50 years, and it can no longer adequately serve the needs of the Navajo community that has significantly expanded since the library's initial development.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Sara Jacobs