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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Municipality of Maricao's Senior Facility Upgrades Project Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Maricao, located at P.O. Box 0837 Maricao, PR 00606. The funding will modernize and strengthen the municipality's senior facility by upgrading infrastructure, adding resilient energy systems, and improving safety and accessibility to better serve low-income senior residents in a highly vulnerable community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it upgrades critical infrastructure, safety, and energy systems for vulnerable low-income seniors, ensures continuity of care during emergencies, reduces long-term operating costs through energy resilience, and protects public assets while improving quality of life in an underserved community. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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 that reads "Pablo J. Hernández".

Pablo José Hernández
Member of Congress