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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 Casa Naborí: A Community Peer Exchange and Economic Development Model in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña, located at 1957 Avenida Ponce de León, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00915-1308. The funding will rehabilitate a foreclosed three-story building into a 35-bed community-managed inn, advancing economic development to support ongoing community projects through grassroots tourism and ensuring residents benefit from the planned development of the Caño Martín Peña Special Planning District.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it revitalizes an underutilized community asset to generate local economic activity, support small businesses and community-based tourism, create jobs, and strengthen long-term economic resilience and emergency preparedness in an underserved area. 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