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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 Barceloneta's Rafael Balseiro Community Facility Rehabilitation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Barceloneta, located at 14 Georgetti. Ave. Barceloneta, PR, 00617. The funding will rehabilitate an existing building to support a community center that hosts programs, public meetings, and educational initiatives while preserving its historic role as a hub for learning and public service.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it rehabilitates a historic public facility to achieve full ADA compliance, remove long-standing accessibility barriers, reduce legal and financial risks, and provide durable, inclusive infrastructure that supports programs, education, and public services for the local 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. Hernandez".

Pablo José Hernández
Member of Congress