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June 4, 2025

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 Disaster Shield Network: A Route to Hyperlocal Emergency Response in Puerto Rico in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Hatillo, located at Alcaldía de Hatillo Calle F D Roosevelt Hatillo, PR, 00659. The funding would be used for essential emergency response equipment and structural support to ensure continuity of care during emergencies, including during hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and power outages.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it equips a community health center with essential equipment to maintain operations during disasters, ensuring uninterrupted care for patients. This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pablo J. Hernandez".

Sincerely,
Pablo José Hernández
Member of Congress