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May 23, 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 the Municipality of Manatí " Manati Urban Affordable Housing Revitalization Project" in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Manatí located at #10 Calle Quinoñes Manati, Puerto Rico 00674. The Municipality of Manatí seeks funding to rehabilitate and convert nine vacant and abandoned properties into affordable rental housing units eligible for Section 8 assistance. This project directly addresses a critical housing need in the community by increasing the supply of safe and affordable housing for low-income families. It will also help revitalize blighted areas, support neighborhood stability, and promote equitable community development.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will rehabilitate and convert nine vacant and abandoned properties into affordable rental housing units eligible for Section 8 assistance. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Pablo José Hernández
Member of Congress