Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0537

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Los Angeles County Veteran Wellness Program in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles located at 200 N Main Street, Suite 1500 Los Angeles, CA 90012

The \$400,000 request will fund veterans access to a well-equipped multipurpose facility tailored to their specific fitness needs and preferences utilizing Bob Hope Patriotic Hall's existing gym. Also the program emphasizes the importance of holistic wellness by offering other resources such as stress management, mental health support and other essential services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds enhance the well-being and overall health of veterans by providing them with access to a dedicated space for exercising. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by veterans in general and also those transitioning to civilian life, the program creates a supportive and inclusive environment where veterans can engage in physical activity, improve overall well-being, and foster social connections with fellow veterans and the entire community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2)

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

Sincerely,

Sydney Kamlager-Dove Member of Congress