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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Avalon Gardens Cool Roofs Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, located at 2600 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90057.

The \$510,000 in funding would be used for 17 new roofs at the Avalon Gardens public housing site. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide much needed capital improvements to support and maintain the existing public housing stock in the City of Los Angeles. The roofs at Avalon Gardens have exceeded their useful lives. The scope of the project will be the complete removal of the existing roofs and the installation of new cool roofs. The new roofs would have the ability to help keep the residents cool during the hot summer months in Los Angeles. The residential units at Avalon Gardens are not equipped with air conditioning and having cool roofs would bring some relief. The new roofs will bolster the community's resilience by preserving scarce affordable housing, reducing housing insecurity, and making a lasting positive impact on the emotional and mental health of our low-income residents who have historically experienced - and continue to experience - inequities, compounded recently with COVID's devastation on their loved ones. The project is aligned with the State and City's effort to provide and maintain more affordable housing and improve the economic opportunities of the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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