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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 the IKAR Center and Supportive Housing Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is IKAR, located at 1737 S. La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035.

The \$2,663,000 in funding would be used for the construction of permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses the housing crisis in Los Angeles and will help provide housing equitably across the city and county. By building affordable housing in this high-opportunity area, on a major transit corridor, and connected to a community center, this project will address both the housing crisis and the history of racial housing exclusion that plagues my community. This project invests in the economic development of the community by creating low-income affordable housing.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

Symey Kamlager-Dove Member of Congress