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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 SoLa Technology and Entrepreneurship Center Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is SoLa I CAN Foundation, located at 8629 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

The \$1,000,000 in funding would be used for initial infrastructure costs related to structural construction, inspections, and permits.

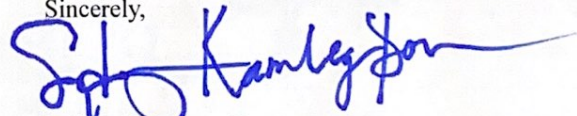
The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would assist the SoLa I CAN Foundation (a 501c3) in the construction of the SoLa Technology and Entrepreneurship Center - Crenshaw, which will make a meaningful and measurable economic and educational development impact in South Los Angeles and the 37th Congressional District.

The tech center will serve at least 1,000 youth and adults annually by offering opportunities for community members to train in in-demand tech career skills, gain entrepreneurship and fiscal literacy training, provide community gathering space and opportunities for small business generation. This has received support from dozens of community stakeholders, companies, nonprofits and leaders.

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