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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the "Community Resilience Hub at Montgomery Waller Recreation Center" project in fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$1,505,300. The entity to receive the funding is the City of San Diego located at 202 C Street, Floor 11, San Diego, CA 92101.

This project would fund a community resilience hub at Montgomery Waller Recreation Center in the historically disadvantaged community of Otay Mesa. This project will help advance smart grid technologies integrated with the power grid to support grid reliability, community resilience, and expand access to off-grid electric vehicle (EV) charging capability. The project will utilize a renewable energy microgrid to reduce grid stress, manage peak demand charges, and increase access to EV charging in an underserved area during outage. Specifically, the City will deploy a renewable energy microgrid composed of a photovoltaic array paired with a battery energy storage system and microgrid controller hardware and software. The funds will be used for construction and equipment costs for the project.

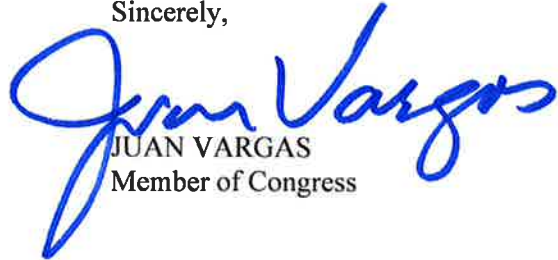
The project is a good use of taxpayer resources because it will provide increased grid resiliency and capacity at one of the City's highest trafficked summer cooling centers (located in a historically disadvantaged community), support off-grid EV charging along a U.S DOT Alternative Fuel Corridor, and serve as a backup power source to a community recreation center.

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

This project has received written support from SD City Mayor Todd Gloria, Chair of the SD County Board of Supervisors Nora Vargas, and San Diego Community Power.

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

Sincerely,



JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress