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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Gateway High-Complexity Laboratory Renovation project in fiscal year 2027, in the amount of \$2,000,000. The entity to receive the funding is Family Health Centers of San Diego, Inc., located at 823 Gateway Center Way, San Diego, CA 92102.

This project would remodel a high-complexity lab that serves southern San Diego and other care sites across the county. In particular, the project would fund the construction and renovation of the laboratory as well as the cost of capital equipment, including specimen processors, centrifuges, analyzers, refrigerators, freezers, specimen storage systems, and laboratory IT infrastructure such as laboratory information systems and diagnostic data systems. These upgrades will allow the lab to offer a richer array of advanced examinations and diagnostic assessments that can be pivotal in detecting diseases early and allowing providers to appropriately tailor treatments that enhance patient results.

This project is a good use of federal funds because this construction project will reduce laboratory turnaround times, improve chronic disease monitoring and preventive care, strengthen diagnostic services, and expand clinical support for primary care programs. By expanding lab capabilities, the project will also increase diagnostic testing capacity, help address critical gaps in diagnostic care, and ensure that high-quality laboratory services remain accessible to an underserved community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

This project has broad support from a large network of partners and stakeholders, including the San Diego County Medical Society, the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties, Blue Shield Promise of California, and Molina Healthcare.

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

Thank you for your consideration of funding for these programs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Senior Legislative Assistant, Michael Rivas, at [michael.rivas@mail.house.gov](mailto:michael.rivas@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Juan Vargas  
Member of Congress