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Rep. Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC, 20515 Rep. Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Orange County Housing Finance Trust's community project funding request. The entity to receive funding for this project is Orange County Housing Finance Trust, located at 333 W Santa Ana Way, Santa Ana, 92701.

The vision of the Trust is to respond to the humanitarian crisis of homelessness by identifying and securing funding that will contribute to the construction of 2,700 permanent supportive housing units and work to secure funding that will contribute to additional affordable housing units by 2025. This funding will help the Trust meet both of those goals. This project will continue the proactive work of the Trust to build new affordable units in Orange County. The Trust has the support of the County of Orange, 23 cities, and the developer community to fund housing that specifically assists persons and families of extremely low, very low, and low income in Orange County. This project will help close this housing gap, thus contributing to the overall housing crisis in California. Helping to solve this issue in one County will have trickle down impacts on the rest of State. An additional \$3 million in funding will directly help approximately 30 extremely low-income households. However, this funding will be combined with other sources in the same projects that will facilitate the construction of over 136 affordable and permanent supportive units by 2024. This funding will additionally include the stimulus of construction jobs, the creation of affordable and supportive housing which would achieve multiple benefits to the region, and the ending of homelessness for many of our neighbors.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

J. Luis Correa

Member of Congress