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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Cruz Downtown Library Mixed Use Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Santa Cruz, located at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

The funding would be used for the reconstruction of the downtown Santa Cruz Public Library and help fund the addition of 125 units of affordable housing. Currently, the Downtown Library, located in a high-poverty census tract, has reached the end of its useful life and is seismically deficient. The project is expected to bring expanded public services and programming to the new public library while meeting strong community climate action goals by using green building standards. The affordable housing in a transit-friendly location will benefit a community that struggles to address the high cost of housing in the Monterey Bay region.

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

Sincerely,

Jimmy Panetta Member of Congress