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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for emergency generators at two locations: the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, located at 13000 Clarkdale Ave., Norwalk CA 90650, and the Norwalk Senior Center, located at 14040 San Antonio Dr., Norwalk, CA 90650. This request is for fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Norwalk, located at 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.

The City of Norwalk's Senior Center and the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex function as emergency, temporary shelters for those in need during emergency events. This project provides for the procurement and installation of a dedicated emergency backup generator at each of these locations. Currently, no generators exist or are available. During emergency events (extreme high heat or cold, earthquakes, etc.), the need for reliable, consistent services is paramount with the varying situations that can occur. With dedicated backup power, these facilities can operate and provide necessary response services to the public, which reduces potential burden on other emergency services that are needed elsewhere in the community during such events. For example, ensuring consistent power to these facilities during outages and times of high power demand allows them to continue operating as designated cooling centers and emergency shelters. The project supports the needs of low-income and senior populations who are at higher risk of heat and temperature related illnesses due to a lack of climate-controlled environments.

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Linda T. Sánchez Member of Congress

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