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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Walnut in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Walnut Senior Center located at 21215 La Puente Rd, Walnut, CA, 91789.

The facility's existing emergency generators need to be significantly expanded to meet the emergency power capacity needs and to improve resiliency of the Walnut Senior Center. The existing generators are undersized and unable to support full operation of the Senior Center during power outages, limiting the facility's ability to function as an effective emergency resource. The proposed project will install new, larger-capacity generators designed to support full facility operations, including HVAC systems, lighting, kitchen services, and critical building infrastructure.

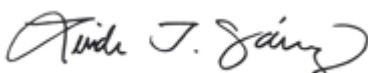
This upgrade represents a substantial expansion of the facility's emergency power capacity and resilience, enabling the Senior Center to operate at full functionality during extreme heat events, power outages, and other emergencies. With increased capacity, the facility will be able to safely serve a greater number of residents, particularly vulnerable populations, as a fully operational cooling center and emergency shelter.

Overall, the project provides long-term, permanent risk reduction by transforming the facility from limited emergency capability to a fully resilient community resource. Without reliable backup power the city's HVAC systems cannot function during extended outages.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress