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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 Whittier’s Broadband Connectivity Project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Whittier, located at 13230 Penn St, Whittier, CA, 90602.

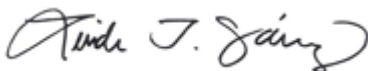
The funding would be used to lay down 3,881 linear feet of robust fiber optic network from Whittier City Hall to Uptown Whittier. This would address current deficiencies in broadband accessibility, reliability, and speed, which will aid in community and workforce development.

Free or low-cost public Wi-Fi can attract more visitors, ensure that reliable internet access is available to all residents, and encourage economic prosperity in the City of Whittier. The increase in broadband access will also benefit small businesses and public safety by ensuring that the city is well connected.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress