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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$400,000 in funding for Anderson Valley Affordable Housing Initiative in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Anderson Valley Health Center, located at 13500 Airport Road, PO Box 338 Boonville, CA 95415.

The funding would be used for the Anderson Valley Housing Association (AVHA) and the Anderson Valley Health Center (AVHC) who are partnering to provide affordable housing in the Anderson Valley. AVHA and AVHC have a longstanding commitment to the health and wellbeing of the underserved population in the valley including those under 200% of poverty level and seasonal farm workers. There is a significant shortage of affordable housing in this valley and AVHA has over 40 individuals on a waiting list for affordable housing. This directly affects the health and stability of local families.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars by improving housing opportunities in order to attract long-term residents and employees. Poor housing leads to poor health outcomes which contributes to higher healthcare costs and strains the local resources such as the all-volunteer Anderson Valley Ambulance. When workers can no longer afford to live in the valley they move and businesses have to invest in retraining and the community loses valuable contributing members. Supporting people at or below 200% poverty level with affordable housing and health services in one place enables people to climb out of poverty and ultimately become successful, reducing a need to rely on public benefits. This ultimately reduces the amount of public tax dollars that funds services for these individuals.

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

Sincerely,
Member of Congress



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