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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Alexander Valley Health & Wellness Center Construction** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Voppertower Family Medical Center Inc., dba Alexander Valley Healthcare** located at 351 S. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, CA 95425.

The funding would be used for Alexander Valley Healthcare plans to construct a new 3-story, 40,000 sq' Health & Wellness Center to better meet the healthcare needs of Northern Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because FQHCs are a type of “blended” healthcare provider specifically developed for underserved low-income populations living in areas where other services are scarce. Like private practices, they address the “presenting health problems” of each individual patient, but, like public health departments, they also work to address community health problems, including filling service gaps, conducting community health promotion efforts, networking with other health and social service agencies, and conducting emergency preparedness activities.

A complete explanation of why this is a good use of taxpayer funds can be found in the support materials

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

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman  
Member of Congress