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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 **Dream Quest Community Youth Center** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Willow Creek Youth Partnership**, located at 100 Country Club Drive, PO Box 609, Willow Creek, CA 95573.

The funding would be used for a new Community Youth Center designed to provide programs and services to promote public health and safety for families through upstream prevention of drug use, child abuse and domestic violence. The new youth center facility will also serve as a hub for community development, providing opportunity through programs including a Work Force Investment Act training center and entrepreneurial education. The project serves a very large, disadvantaged rural area which includes both the Yurok and Hoopa Reservations.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Dream Quest Community Youth Center will help to develop a more resilient rural region, strengthen community, and will promote economic growth through advancing opportunities for youth and their families. The investment of taxpayer funds coupled with substantial private funding creates a public-private partnership which assures that the community is vested in achieving future success. Dream Quest is integrally connected to the entire community, working closely with numerous organizations and constantly striving to develop additional collaborative relationships, to avoid redundancy and maximize the limited resources available.

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

Sincerely,

Jared Huffman Member of Congress