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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
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 Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center Safety Upgrades** project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **County of Marin**, located at 199 Porteous Ave, Fairfax, CA 94930.

The funding would be used for major rehabilitation, safety improvements and property upgrades to ensure it can remain open to the working, low-income families it serves – including ADA ramps, retaining walls, Fire Alarm system, roofing, bathroom updates, abatement, wiring/electrical, lighting and parking lot upgrades for the Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center.

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

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because if the FSACC were to close, Marin County would permanently lose FSACC's 110 state-subsidized slots which comprise 12% of the County's 950 total slots. With more than 900, eligible, low-income children in Marin on the waiting list in Marin for a slot, the closure of the Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center would be lasting and detrimental. Quality childcare offers children from low-income backgrounds a strong foundation for cognitive and socio-emotional development. Thus, subsidized childcare not only supports parental employment but also fosters intergenerational mobility.

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

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress