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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 **Open Door Community Health Centers Infrastructure Improvement** project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Open Door Community Health Centers**, located at 1275 Eighth Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

The funding would be used for Open Door to complete three infrastructure projects in 2025: One, solar for Eureka Community Health Center. Two, rerouting and repaving the parking lot at one of our locations on Buhne Street, Eureka. Three, re-open a building in need of maintenance to add an acute care service, additional pediatric and behavioral health capacity so patients can get into care faster.

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 Despite the fact that in 2023 Open Door Community Health Centers provided services to 62,111 patients at over 250,000 visits, there are community members who lack access to care. This project will increase overall access and improve timely access to care. FQHCs have been demonstrated to provide excellent quality of care and to reduce the total cost of care to taxpayers.

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

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress