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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lajas Municipal Resiliency Centers Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Lajas, located at Victoria Street #5, Lajas, Puerto Rico 00667. The funding will be used to rehabilitate 15 buildings in rural areas of the municipality to serve as resiliency centers. The centers will be equipped with solar power equipment, water tanks, space to offer temporary shelter, storage for first aid kits and other essential materials. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports emergency assistance to low-income residents, increases resilience and promotes a more efficient response to natural and other disasters.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305 (a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,


Jenniffer González-Colón
Member of Congress