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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-5400

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the rehabilitation of the Jarealito Fishing Village (Villa Pesquera de Jarealito) in Arecibo, Puerto Rico in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Department of Agriculture of Puerto Rico, located at P.O. Box 10163, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00908-1163.

The purpose of this project is to address some of the infrastructure needs of the Jarealito Fishing Village, including the design and construction of a new concrete building and improvements of the electrical systems and utilities. Funding would also cover the purchase of equipment for cleaning, processing, packaging, handling, and refrigeration of the product, thus ensuring the fishing village complies with appropriate food safety standards. Lastly, the project would enable the Department of Agriculture of Puerto Rico to acquire technological equipment to support fishing activities at the site, which are one of the main economic drivers of nearby coastal communities.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon".

Jenniffer González-Colón
Member of Congress