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

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

Dear Chairman Cole:

I write to express my disappointment in the House Committee on Appropriations Majority's decision to not include appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Community Project Funding (CPF) approved requests in the *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025*. CPFs provide an important opportunity for every stakeholder in our country, both large and small, to participate and provide input in Congress' appropriations process. CPFs have delivered tangible funding for projects in every district to improve the lives of families throughout the United States, particularly in my district.

As a freshman member, I came to Congress to deliver much needed economic development, educational opportunities, public safety improvements, and transportation upgrades for California's 29th Congressional District. When I was elected and sworn in as a Member of the 119th Congress, I looked forward to continuing to advocate for the needs of my district while bringing my perspective as the first Latina to represent my district. This desire includes advocating on behalf of the 15 CPFs that my predecessor, Rep. Tony Cárdenas, had put forward in 2024 and were included in the Appropriations Committee's Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. While the previous Congress voted in December 2024 on a Continuing Resolution (CR) that would fund the government until March 14, 2025, as a new member, I was hopeful to work to advance the FY25 CPFs that former Congressman Cárdenas had advanced. Unfortunately, the reality is that the proposed CR, that will fund the government for the rest of FY25, hurts thousands of communities across the country. As a nation, we would lose over \$15 billion in funding sponsored by their elected officials.

The 15 projects for FY25 in my district would have an immediate impact on my constituents' lives, from improved public safety to needed improvements to our public transportation systems. The Appropriations Committee allocated the amounts listed below in its FY25 Committee Reports:

1. Southeast San Fernando Valley Roller and Skateboard Rink Project was allocated \$3,000,000

2. California State University, Northridge's new state-of-the-art facility (Autodesk Technology Engagement Center) was allocated \$1,184,000
3. Los Angeles Mission College Pacoima Center Land Acquisition Project was allocated \$2,000,000
4. Los Angeles Metro Regional Bus Stop Enhancement Authority (Metro) was allocated \$1,000,000
5. Wireless Grade Crossing at Sylmar/San Fernando Station was allocated \$750,000
6. Gang Reduction & Youth Development (GRYD) Ambassador and Summer Nights Lights Programs was allocated \$2,368,000
7. Los Angeles County Fire Department-Pacoima Warehouse Renovations was allocated \$850,000
8. City of San Fernando-Capital Rehabilitation Improvement Project was allocated \$850,000
9. Sylmar Fire Station (FS 31) was allocated \$850,000
10. Crisis and Incident Response through Community-led Engagement (CIRCLE) was allocated \$3,552,000
11. North Sepulveda Pedestrian Island was allocated \$500,000
12. Reseda Green and Accessible Median and Shaded School Routes was allocated \$250,000
13. San Fernando Gardens-Adapting to Climate Change was allocated \$250,000
14. Lankershim Boulevard Green Infrastructure Corridor was allocated \$250,000
15. Parthenia Place Computer Lab Renovation & Tech Upgrades Project was allocated \$250,000

While I am disappointed that FY25 CPFs will not be funded in this fiscal year. I strongly encourage the committee to continue the CPF process as these projects have helped my district, and countless others. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Luz M. Rivas
Member of Congress
California's 29th Congressional District

CC: Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee