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

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations House Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations House Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Downtown Escondido Economic Development Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Escondido, located at 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025. The funding would be used for the improvement of crossing points and a traffic circle to calm traffic and improve safety, as well as the construction of colored scored concrete, festoon lighting, sidewalk etchings, expanded outdoor dining areas, and gateway features. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit a Persistent Poverty Census Tract by promoting dense, smart growth urban housing in the Escondido Opportunity Zone.

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

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

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