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May 8, 2024

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 San Diego Safe Sleeping Pilot Program in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Diego, located at 202 C St., San Diego, CA 92101. The funding would be used to purchase materials to maintain and expand the City's program to offer non-congregate shelter options to homeless San Diegans at City-owned sites.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because San Diego has seen a substantial increase in its unhoused population, with homelessness rising 22% from 2022 to 2023. This project would not only support purchasing 88 beds and tents to get individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness off the streets, but would also support access to restrooms, showers, and laundry services. The Safe Sleeping Pilot Program is an effective and scalable program that will help alleviate San Diego's homelessness crisis.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Cole".

Member of Congress

