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May 21, 2025

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 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Escondido, located at 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025. The Downtown Economic Development Project realizes the community vision for an activated, pedestrian friendly, historic downtown. The shovel-ready project widens sidewalks on Grand Avenue between Escondido Blvd. and Maple St. To enhance comfort and accessibility for shoppers and diners, the project includes improved crossing points and a traffic circle at Maple Street to calm traffic and improve safety. Additional improvements, including colored scored concrete, festoon lighting, sidewalk etchings, expanded outdoor dining areas, and gateway features, will further enhance a safe, enjoyable experience for thousands of visitors to businesses and events on Grand Ave. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because similar projects have shown economic benefits of 12% decrease in retail vacancy and 20-30% increase in retail sales. The Grand Ave. Vision Project was designed in partnership with the Downtown Business Association as a blueprint for growth in Escondido's urban core.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott H. Peters".

Member of Congress