April 28, 2021

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

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Via Care Health Access Express - Mobile Clinic in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Via Care Community Health Center, located at 501 S. Atlantic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90022.

The funding would be used for a community-based health access project using a mobile clinic, the Via Care Health Access Express. Beginning operations in 2022, the mobile unit will have one medical exam room, a laboratory space, an intake area, and a restroom, and will collaborate with community-based organizations, elected officials, and ELAC in CA-27 to dock the mobile and provide medical and wellness services where needed. Funds from this Community Project Fund will help Via Care purchase the medical mobile unit and install IT equipment and software. Matching federal funds will help stock medical supplies; recruit, train and pay for mobile unit staff; and obtain certifications from the LA County Department of Health Services (LAC-DHS) and the federal Bureau of Primary Health Care. At full capacity, the Via Care Health Access Express will provide 2,000 medical visits per year on the mobile to residents of CA-27.

Additional activities on the mobile will include mental health screening; COVID testing and follow-up; screening and treatment for STDs; oral health screening and referrals; family planning services; wellness exams for all life-stages; screening and treatment for chronic disease; health education on a wide range of topics; referrals for support services; lab-work; screening and enrollment into Medi-Cal and other benefit programs; outreach; and COVID-19 immunizations.

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

Sincerely,
Judy Chu
Member of Congress