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April 28, 2021

Washington, DC 20515

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 Pasadena Broadband Network Expansion in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pasadena, located at 100 N. Garfield Ave., Pasadena, CA 91109.

The funding would be used for the completion of free Public Wifi to the remaining 18 parks and park facilities in the City to further increase access to broadband for underserved communities, students and all residents. In the past five years, the City of Pasadena deployed free Public WiFi to 15 of 33 city parks and park-facilities. Usage metrics show over 1,000 unique connections accessing this service daily and over 40,000 connections annually, a 100% increase in usage over the last year. Free Public WiFi in city parks and park facilities provides all residents and students reliable access to broadband, supports digital learning, encourages digital inclusion efforts and offers safe space for all to work, study, communicate, apply for services and participate in the digital economy. Expanding broadband connectivity for public safety and essential services improves resiliency of critical services.

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

Sincerely,

Judy Chu

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Member of Congress