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May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the SGV COG Regional Food Recovery Program in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, located at 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, 91016.

The funding would be used for the acquisition and rehabilitation of a new facility to serve as a regional food recovery hub that will, in partnership with nonprofit and community organizations, accept, store, prepare, and redistribute donated food from grocery stores and restaurants to food-insecure residents in the region. The property will include cold storage, loading/unloading equipment, space for delivery vehicles to come and go and food distribution pick-up, and office and support space for staff. The retrofit activities may include space that can be utilized for the preparation of food to be redistributed, including but not limited to utility connections, equipment, and safety features. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance sustainability and reduce food waste, reduce hunger, and increase public health in the San Gabriel Valley by expanding the capacity of existing food banks and ensuring fresh food can be properly redistributed to food-insecure residents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Chu".

Judy Chu
Member of Congress