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The Honorable Tom Cole

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Harlingen New Animal Shelter in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Harlingen, located at 118 E Tyler Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550.

The funding would be used to construct a new 15,000-square-foot animal shelter facility in Harlingen, Texas. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the city is experiencing severe stray animal overpopulation, which is a nuisance and a vector for diseases. The new shelter will be better equipped to serve the city's current and future needs.

This project has a federal nexus as it is for the same 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,

Vicente Gonzalez Member of Congress