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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the TCOE Doe Complex Employment Resource Center Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Visalia, located at 707 West Acequia Avenue Visalia, CA 93291.

The funding would be used to renovate a 1,984-square-foot office space into two licensed classrooms - with new restrooms, fenced outdoor play space, safety upgrades, an accessible entrance, and a new roof - designed to serve an initial 30-40 children. The Doe Complex, long used as an administrative campus by the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE), will become vacant as TCOE relocates to a new facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because rather than let a valuable public asset sit idle, the City of Visalia - in partnership with TCOE, workforce training providers, transit agencies, and employers - is converting it into an Employment Resource Center purpose-built for the shift workers powering California's most productive industrial corridor.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes consistent with eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF) under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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 "Jim Costa".

**JIM COSTA**  
Member of Congress