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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro,
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education, and Related
Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole,
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
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House Committee on Appropriations
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I strongly urge your inclusion of $150,382 for the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center in Mountain View, California, as a Community Project Funding project associated with Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account. This project will provide funding to re-roof the Rose Kleiner Center so that vital health-based services for our community’s older adults can resume.

The Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center began operating in 1978 in the Palo Alto Baptist Church. It was the first state-licensed adult day health center in Santa Clara County, and for more than 40 years the Center has provided affordable adult day services and health services to low-income older adults and countless families who need assistance with care-giving responsibilities. At the Center, older adults receive varying levels of medical supervision by registered nurses and social workers, and physical and occupational therapy. They also have access to social and cultural activities that enrich their lives and allow them to stay in their homes as long as possible.

During the pandemic, the Rose Kleiner Center has been closed, leaving more than 7,500 families and older adults without adequate support. The Center has conducted digital programs, phone visits, and other support activities, but clients and caregivers are eager to return to in-person operations. To prepare to resume programming on site, the Center requires a re-roofing to ensure the building is safe and ready to welcome clients and staff.

The roof first needed repair in 2019, but due to insufficient funding and the pandemic, the project has been delayed until now. As an indication of local support, I’ve enclosed
testimonials from clients of the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center and a letter of support from Santa Clara County Supervisor S. Joseph Simitian.

If enacted, this request would support a vital and celebrated community of older adults and caregivers in California’s 18th Congressional District. I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,

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Enclosures