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The Honorable Tom Cole,
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley,
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I request that you include \$4,000,000 for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley's Consolidated Facility project. This request for Community Project Funding is associated with the Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiatives account.

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit food bank serving 460,000 individuals every month, nearly double their level of service prior to 2020. It is the hub of the charitable food system in Santa Clara County and San Mateo County in my Congressional District and partners with more than 400 nonprofits to distribute free groceries at more than 900 locations. No partner or client is ever charged for this critical community service.

The requested funding will allow Second Harvest to construct a unified facility, providing stability and increased operational efficiency for food distributions throughout both counties. Second Harvest currently rents four warehouses to support its operations, and the new facility will double their cold storage capacity, increase volunteer workspace, and provide sufficient space to manage transportation and storage efficiently.

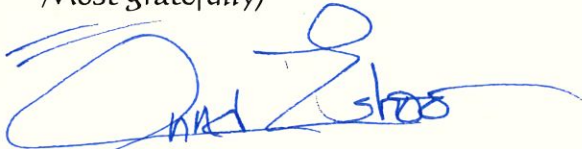
As an indication of community support, I've enclosed a letter signed by the following local elected officials and community leaders:

- State Senator Josh Becker, California State Senate
- Assemblymember Diane Papan, California State Assembly

- Assemblymember Evan Low, California State Assembly
- Supervisor Warren Slocum, County of San Mateo
- Supervisor David Canepa, County of San Mateo
- Supervisor Otto Lee, County of Santa Clara
- Councilmember David Cohen, City of San Jose
- Councilmember Peter Ortiz, City of San Jose
- Councilmember Dev Davis, City of San Jose
- Councilmember Pam Foley, City of San Jose
- Mayor Larry Klein, City of Sunnyvale
- Councilmember Alysa Cisneros, City of Sunnyvale

If enacted, this request would allow Second Harvest to expand its operations to meet the demand for food distribution for the next several decades, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,



Anna G. Eshoo

Enclosure