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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the City of Aurora Safe Outdoor Spaces Project in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Economic Development Initiative account. The entity to receive funding for the project is the City of Aurora, located at 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora, CO 80012.

The City of Aurora is seeking \$1,350,000 to provide sheltering options, access to showers, restrooms, laundry facilities, and wrap-around services to those experiencing homelessness. Through safe parking, safe camping, pallet homes, tiny homes, the City of Aurora will provide organized, alternative sheltering solutions that connect individuals to safe places to be, where they have access to a mobile shower/restroom/laundry trailer, portlets, handwashing stations, garbage disposal, food, and the appropriate level of services (housing, medical, case management, clinical services, etc.) needed to move out of homelessness. This would increase safety for the community as well as those experiencing homelessness, mitigate the economic impact of having to conduct regular camp abatements as well as reduce the environmental impact that some of the camps pose. The funds would go to one-time costs of purchasing the various types of housing and to contract with a service provider to provide 24/7 wrap-around services for one year.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. The City of Aurora's 2020 point-in-time homeless count reflected that there are 427 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Aurora, and the current stock of non-cold weather activation shelter beds is approximately 150. With the growing number of individuals experiencing homelessness, Safe Outdoor Spaces presents an immediate solution until permanent housing becomes available.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Crow".

Jason Crow
Member of Congress