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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Food Bank Vehicles Project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Economic Development Initiative account under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The entity to receive funding for the project is the Food Bank of the Rockies located at 10700 E. 45th Ave, Denver, CO 80239.

The Food Bank of the Rockies is seeking \$650,000 to purchase several trucks and vehicles. The Food Bank of the Rockies serves 30 counties in northern Colorado and the entire state of Wyoming. All of these trucks will be used to provide food to partner agencies, food pantries, and people in need throughout the service area in Colorado. Specifically, this funding will purchase two refrigerated trailers and two day cabs used for delivering food to nonprofit partner agencies, two box trucks used for picking up food for retail/grocery rescue, and a sprinter van used for home delivery to people in need like seniors or people with disabilities, as well as distributing food for children's programs.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as this project will help Colorado's largest nonprofit hunger relief organization serve more people. These trucks will enable the Food Bank of the Rockies to move commodity foods and continue to be a high-capacity operator of federal nutrition programs such as the Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

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