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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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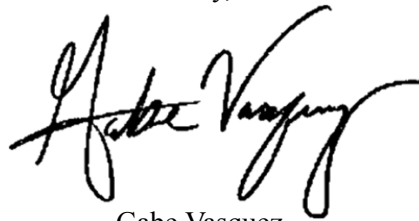
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 for the Carlsbad Dark Canyon Bridge Construction project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Carlsbad, located at 101 N. Halagueno St., Carlsbad, NM 88220. This funding would be used to finish the Dark Canyon Bridge. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it closes a dangerous and long-documented gap in Carlsbad's transportation network that threatens lives every flood season, while also supporting economic activity in one of the most productive energy corridors in the country.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 23 USC 133.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Gabe Vasquez  
Member of Congress