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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0509

April 30, 2021

The Honorable David E. Price  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Ranking Member  
Committee of Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies  
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Dear Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$300,000 for Veterans Memorial Buildings Improvements in the fiscal year 2022 Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office, and the project is located at 757 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Brentwood, CA 94513, and 815 Fulton Shipyard Road, Antioch, CA 94509.

The Veterans Memorial Buildings Improvements project would provide safety upgrades and energy efficiency improvements at two veterans memorial buildings to improve building systems and safety, reduce maintenance costs, and ensure that they can continue to be used by veterans for generations to come. These buildings are where core services are delivered by the County's Veterans Service Office, VA Vet Centers, Veterans Service Organizations including Marine Corps League, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as various community organizations and nonprofits.

Many of these buildings are 100 years old and are in need of capital improvements to make them more energy efficient and safer for the public. Redevelopment funds are no longer available to communities, and some Veterans Service Organizations have had to rely on fundraisers to maintain these buildings and keep their doors open.

The Veterans Memorial Buildings Improvements project represents a good use of taxpayer dollars as funding for the project will provide vital safety upgrades and energy efficiency improvements to veterans memorial buildings that serve both veterans and the public at large. The project will improve building systems and safety, reduce maintenance costs, and reduce energy dependence and greenhouse gas emissions. The funding will be used for capital improvements including HVAC system replacements; ADA accessibility improvements; perimeter safety measures; and other facilities upgrades. These building

improvements will allow for the Veterans Service Organizations to focus on providing services that benefit veterans and the community and for the VA and Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office to continue its advocacy and treatment for veterans and their families.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry McNerney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress