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May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the CSEC Training in the Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Optimist Youth Home, located at 520 W Palmdale Blvd #H, Palmdale, CA 93551. The funding would be used to expand programming and interagency cooperation to support victims of commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) in the Antelope Valley. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen partnerships with local law enforcement to improve the identification, prevention, and response to CSEC as well as deliver services to victims.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mike Garcia  
Member of Congress