April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Shasta Community Health Center (SCHC) in fiscal year 2022.

Shasta Community Health Center plans to use this funding for their Mother’s Babies, and Children’s Center, located at 1024 Placer Street, Redding CA 96001.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the surrounding region. There are 30,890 women of childbearing age and over 2000 births annually. Half the births in the county are to women who depend on Medi-Cal. Further, the county is impacted by high ACE scores, twice that of the state, and women and ethnic minorities are at greatest risk. ACEs are linked to chronic health issues, mental illness, and substance use in adulthood. Evidence shows that ensuring a strong start for children through access to enhanced resources, including primary care, can help prevent ACEs. This new Mother’s, Babies, & Children’s Center is positioned within SCHC’s main hub of services and will strengthen linkages to care.

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

Sincerely,

Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress