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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Individuals With Disabilities Workforce Training Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is ICAN California Abilities Network (Scott Elliott Executive Director), located at 2375 Sepulveda Blvd. Torrance, CA 90501. The funding would be used to enable the California Abilities Network (ICAN) to open a new facility called the ICAN Workforce Training Center in the South Bay area to assist the growing number of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities—many of whom come from low-to moderate income backgrounds. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because ICAN's mission is to empower people with disabilities to discover and achieve their own "I CAN" statement. ICAN has a five-year waiting list and, as such, cannot meet the current community need for services. The construction of the ICAN Workforce Training Center will benefit the community by supporting the economic mobility of adults living with disabilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

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