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US House of Representatives
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
US House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
US Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
US Senate
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RE: The Inclusion of FY26 Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending Requests in Any Funding Deal

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Thune, Leader Jeffries, and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the undersigned California public agencies, we write to urge that FY26 Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests be protected and included in any funding resolution being considered this Congress.

Local governments, community-based organizations, and regional partners across the nation rely on these congressionally directed investments to advance critical infrastructure, public safety, housing, and economic development projects. These locally driven projects represent some of the most accountable and transparent investments in the federal budget.

CPF and CDS requests undergo public disclosure, member certification, and rigorous vetting to ensure that taxpayer dollars are directed to projects with broad community support, measurable outcomes, and strong local cost-sharing. In many cases, these initiatives leverage state, local, and private funding, stretching each federal dollar further and promoting responsible stewardship of limited resources.

Without explicit inclusion of CPF and CDS in a long-term funding deal, projects included in current draft bills will face delays in contracting, permitting, and delivery, undermining years of local planning and preventing urgently needed investments from reaching the ground. Ensuring the continuation of CPF and CDS allocations in FY26 would provide stability and predictability at a time when fiscal uncertainty is already constraining public investment.

Therefore, we respectfully request that any forthcoming agreement on government funding, including a potential full-year continuing resolution, explicitly authorize and preserve previously included FY26 Community Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending projects for obligation and expenditure.

We thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring that federal appropriations directly support communities both in California and across the Country.

Sincerely,

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