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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman,  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rose 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 Feeding North Florida Families: Expanding Meal Production and Protein Distribution in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Second Harvest of the Big Bend, located at 4446 Entrepot Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

The funding would be used to construct a commercial production kitchen and expand refrigerated and freezer storage to strengthen food distribution across North Florida. SHBB serves 16 counties, most rural, where 20% of residents live in poverty and 55% are ALICE households. The kitchen will produce up to 5,000 hot or chilled meals daily for seniors, children, individuals with disabilities, and disaster victims who lack the ability to cook. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports several important national and congressional priorities, including strengthening rural infrastructure, improving disaster preparedness, and ensuring responsible use of federal resources. The benefits of this project will be felt both in the short term and long term, making it an important investment for the communities served by Second Harvest of the Big Bend (SHBB) and residents across Florida's Second Congressional District.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Neal Dunn  
Member of Congress