

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Chaffee County Boys and Girls Club facility in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Boys & Girls Club of Chaffee County located at 709 Palmer St., Buena Vista, CO 81201.

The funding would be used for the construction of a new Buena Vista Boys & Girls Club facility and community center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Our project brings meaningful benefits to the community and plays a crucial role in supporting other local efforts to enhance quality of life in our rural area, where resources are scarce. Buena Vista, has a population of just under 3,000 residents. After 20 years of operation, the Boys & Girls Club has served over 10,000 kids and teens and currently, they serve nearly 1,000 kids in a year. They offer our programs at a free or nominal cost, filling a critical void in our community for out of school time care for youth and teens. Our low costs allow working families to keep their jobs and pay their rent while their kids are in a safe environment with trusted adults.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brittany Pettersen", written over a horizontal line.

Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress

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