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April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$500,000 in to establish a new PDOER HQ by rehabilitating an acquired facility to serve as their new HQ where they will provide critical job training and connection services for immigrants and community members who face significant language and cultural barriers to entering the workforce.

The entity to receive funding for this project is PODER Learning Center located at 6155 S. Pulaski, 2nd Floor Chicago, IL 60629.

The funding for this project would pay for building rehabilitation so that the space can be used for its intended job training and workshop services. In addition to job training and community partner resources inside the building, PODER HQ will offer a large, open and public outdoor respite for area residents. With little green space in the Gage Park neighborhood, PODER's zocalo (or plaza), located adjacent to the building's east elevation, will welcome the public with free Wi-Fi, shaded paths, benches and event space for community celebrations. PODER HQ will provide southwest side residents a place to learn new skills, build community, and dream of a better future.

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

Sincerely,



Jesús G. "Chuy" García
Member of Congress