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RE: Support – Planned Parenthood Mar Monte FY 2023 Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congresswoman Lee:

As the Co-Chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus, I know and trust in your commitment to defending the right to reproductive care across the nation. This is why I am reaching out to urge you to support a \$1 million earmark to support the Planned Parenthood West Oakland Health Center.

To meet community and patient demand, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte has purchased a new location in Oakland to expand health care services. The new site is near the previous location, ensuring that patients can continue to access healthcare without having to travel extended distances.

This new health center will be an updated state-of-the-art medical facility that will provide comprehensive reproductive health care and family medicine services.

Bringing more healthcare options to our BIPOC communities in West Oakland will help address decades of systemic racism through underinvestment and lack of healthcare access. In FY 2021 the Oakland health center cared for nearly 20,000 patients, many of whom came from low-income households and limited options for care.

The funding sought will assist in paying for tenant improvement renovations and will cover some laboratory and medical equipment, allowing us to better serve patients and care for the whole person.

The new location and building upgrades will improve the overall patient experience

and workflow to provide high-quality, safe, and compassionate care.

As we anticipate the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade there will be an increased number of individuals seeking our care at this site. There has already been an uptick in patients from out-of-state seeking services at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, with many of them seeking care from the Oakland health center.

I thank you again for your service to Oakland and our Nation.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheng Thao". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheng" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Thao".

Sheng Thao
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