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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am respectfully requesting \$630,000 million in funding for the Yuma County Ferguson Lateral Canal in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Yuma County, Arizona located at 197 South Main Street, Yuma, Arizona, 85364. The project location is 5th Street and Palm Avenue to the West Main Canal on the west side of the Ferguson Lateral.

Yuma County Ferguson Lateral Canal: West Main Canal to 5th Street Multi-Use Pathway Project is a critical infrastructure project that aims to address longstanding safety and mobility challenges in the area. The absence of safe walking and bicycling spaces in the area presents an ongoing public safety concern. Residents, including school-age children traveling to bus stops, must navigate narrow roadways. With no sidewalks or safe shoulders, pedestrians and cyclists are forced to travel directly alongside fast-moving vehicles, along deteriorating lateral roads, or through uneven dirt paths. These conditions create heightened risks for accidents and injuries, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Community testimony and repeated concerns raised at County Board of Supervisors' meetings underscore the urgency of addressing these hazards.

To address these challenges, Yuma County proposes the construction of a 0.65-mile, 8-foot-wide asphalt pathway, which will create a dedicated, ADA-compliant multi-use route from 5th Street to the West Main Canal. The project will provide a dedicated, non-motorized transportation route that physically separates pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicular traffic. By replacing deteriorated dirt surfaces with durable pavement, the pathway will improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities and ensure a consistent, safe travel surface for daily use. Additional amenities will include improved lighting, signage, rest stations, trash receptacles, and dog waste stations. These features will enhance visibility, encourage routine use, and promote community engagement. Beyond addressing immediate safety concerns, the pathway will expand opportunities for active transportation and recreation, thereby improving public health outcomes and greater neighborhood connectivity.

This project has made significant progress, as the design phase, funded by the Arizona Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant Regional Account, is at 95% completion. The \$630,000 will be used solely for construction related expenses necessary to deliver the project. It will support the development of approximately 0.65 miles of paved shared-

use pathway along the Ferguson Lateral Canal corridor, creating a safe and accessible route for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adelita S. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Adelita S. Grijalva

Member of Congress