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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am respectfully requesting \$649,330 in funding for Copper Queen Library in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bisbee, Arizona, located at 118 Arizona Street, Bisbee, AZ 85603.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate the historic Copper Queen Library through critical structural stabilization and preservation measures. Scope of work includes professional repair of cracks in the south masonry wall; replacement of deteriorated south-facing windows suffering from extensive dry rot; repair of exterior porch slabs that are allowing moisture infiltration and risking steel corrosion; and removal and replacement of failing cement parging that presents falling-hazard risks to pedestrians. Roof repairs are also required to prevent further water intrusion and damage to library collections and interior finishes.

Interior and life-safety improvements are also necessary. Stairs, railings, and ADA access elements must be brought into code compliance. Floors on both levels require refinishing to ensure safe public use and long-term preservation. The electrical system contains abandoned wiring that must be removed, and lighting will be improved through upgraded fixtures, including the addition of energy-efficient LED lighting. Exterior painting and protective window coverings on the south façade will preserve the building envelope and extend the life of new window installations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it protects a vital public facility that provides literacy, digital access, and workforce development services to a rural community while preserving an important historic landmark.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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,

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