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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$736,847 in funding for two 3D mammography units for Marana Health in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Marana Health Care, Inc. located at 13395 N. Marana Main St. Marana, AZ 85653. The project locations are 3690 S Park Ave #805, Tucson, AZ 85713 and 899 N Wilmot Rd, Tucson, AZ 85711.

The funding would be used to acquire two 3D mammography (digital breast tomosynthesis) units to expand breast cancer screening capacity in Southern Arizona. These units will allow Marana Health to provide advanced breast imaging services at Clinica Del Alma in South Tucson and Wilmot Family Health Center in Central Tucson, increasing access to life-saving screening for thousands of women across the Tucson region. Many of the patients served are individuals employed in low-wage industries who often experience barriers such as lack of insurance, transportation challenges, and limited access to specialty care. These barriers have significant implications for cancer outcomes.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer, and the leading cause of cancer death among Hispanic women in the United States. Hispanic women are more likely to be diagnosed at later stages of breast cancer and face higher mortality risks when screening and treatment are delayed. Limited access to preventive screening services is a major factor contributing to these disparities.

Across Southern Arizona, women in medically underserved communities frequently face limited availability of mammography appointments and long travel distances to screening facilities, resulting in delayed or missed screenings. These challenges are particularly pronounced in South Tucson, one of the most economically disadvantaged communities in Pima County and a federally designated medically underserved area. Transportation barriers, financial constraints, and language access needs further limit access to preventive care.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because 3D mammography technology improves breast cancer detection by providing a layered, high-resolution view of breast tissue, allowing clinicians to identify abnormalities earlier and reduce the need for additional follow-up imaging. Each 3D mammography system can support approximately 3,500–5,000 exams annually; adding two more units would increase regional screening capacity by approximately

7,000–10,000 additional exams each year, helping reduce appointment backlogs and supporting earlier detection across Southern Arizona. According to the CDC, breast cancer has the highest treatment cost of any cancer, accounting for 14% of costs (\$29.8 billion) in 2020. Breast cancer screening can find cancers early when they are easier to treat, and reduces late-stage diagnoses, deaths, and treatment costs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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