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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am respectfully requesting \$1 million in funding for Adult Learner Facilities Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Pima County Community College District located at 4905 E. Broadway, Ste. 220, Tucson, AZ 85709. The project will make improvements at the following three campuses: Downtown 1255 North Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85709; Desert Vista 5901 South Calle Santa Cruz, Tucson, AZ 85709; and East Campus 8181 East Irvington Rd., Tucson, AZ 85709.

The funding would be used to modernize instructional and student services facilities that expand access to adult education and workforce training programs. The project will develop technology-enabled HyFlex classrooms that allow students to participate in instruction in person, synchronously online, or asynchronously. These flexible classrooms expand access for adult learners balancing work schedules, caregiving responsibilities, and transportation challenges while pursuing education and workforce training.

Funding will also modernize student services areas that function as the “front door” to the institution. Redesigned Student Services Centers will bring advising, enrollment, financial aid, career counseling, assessment, and adult basic education support together in centralized locations using a “no wrong door” approach. These improvements will help staff connect students to services quickly and reduce barriers to enrollment and persistence.

In addition, the project will create flexible student learning and engagement spaces that allow learners to study, collaborate, and access campus resources between classes. These environments support persistence and are particularly important for adult learners and first-generation students navigating college while balancing other responsibilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements will expand access to education and workforce training programs while helping Pima County build the skilled workforce needed to support regional economic growth. The project will benefit low- and moderate-income adults in Pima County who face barriers to employment and education, helping them access the facilities, instruction, and services needed to enter workforce training programs and advance economically.

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 style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Adelita S. Grijalva  
Member of Congress