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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am respectfully requesting \$1 million in funding for the Sahuarita Police Department (SPD) Sustainable Emergency Power Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Sahuarita, located at 375 W Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, AZ 85629. The project address is 315 W Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, AZ 85629

The funding would be used to transform the SPD Headquarters into a resilient and self-sustaining emergency operations center. The funds will be used to acquire a High-Capacity Battery Storage System. The budget covers the procurement of an advanced battery backup system. This technology is critical for storing energy to ensure uninterrupted operations during nighttime hours or prolonged power outages, which is essential for protecting lives and maintaining timely communication. It is needed because the headquarters serves as the primary local emergency operations center and command hub for the region. The facility is essential for coordinating responses to natural disasters and local crises, making it vital to ensure uninterrupted operations during power outages.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this is a vital infrastructure upgrade and a long-term investment in public safety. The project provides a reliable, renewable, and cost-effective energy source that minimizes the building's vulnerability to grid failure. It is a priority because maintaining continuous power is essential for protecting lives, ensuring timely communication, and coordinating first responders during emergencies. Furthermore, it is a strategic investment that fortifies regional emergency preparedness and the long-term sustainability of community infrastructure.

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".

Adelita S. Grijalva
Member of Congress