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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am respectfully requesting \$2,292,675.55 in funding for the State Avenue Drainage and Roadway Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Somerton, Arizona, located at P.O. Box 638, 143 N State Ave, Somerton, AZ 85350.

The funding would be used for reconstruction of 1,974 linear feet of State Avenue, replacing deteriorated pavement and sidewalks, installing ADA-compliant pedestrian infrastructure, and constructing drainage improvements including a stormwater retention basin. The project will reconstruct State Avenue from Main Street (US-95) to Fulton Street and includes demolition of existing asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, and driveways all needed for drainage. New roadway construction will consist of a 3-inch asphalt surface over an 8-inch aggregate base and 12-inch compacted subgrade. Concrete improvements will include installation of vertical curb and gutter, valley and cross gutters, driveway aprons, and ADA ramps to enhance pedestrian mobility and drainage. A stormwater retention basin with a concrete spillway, riprap protection, and perimeter fencing will be constructed to manage runoff and reduce flooding risk. Existing utilities will be protected or adjusted to grade, with hydrants and water meters relocated as needed. Traffic control will be maintained in accordance with MUTCD standards, with continued access to adjacent properties throughout construction. The project also includes pavement striping, signage, dust control, material testing, and as-built documentation. All work will comply with City of Somerton and City of Yuma standards, ADOT specifications, and ASTM requirements. Project costs include construction materials and embedded equipment, as well as necessary contracted services such as surveying, environmental and regulatory compliance, traffic control, and project documentation. Additional costs include site preparation, demolition and disposal, safety measures, and standard construction expenses such as contingency, contractor overhead, bonding, insurance, and applicable state and local requirements, including Arizona's Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance public safety, reduce flooding risk, and ensure reliable transportation infrastructure for the City of Somerton and surrounding communities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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 initial 'A'.

Adelita S. Grijalva
Member of Congress