Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting $889,648.02 for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe San Ignacio Center in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project Pascua Yaqui Tribe located at 7474 S. Camino De Oeste Tucson, AZ 85757. The location of the project San Ignacio Health Facility 785 W. Sahuaro St. Tucson, AZ 85705.

The Tribe seeks to invest a total of $1.9 million into the renovation and expansion of the San Ignacio Yaqui Center to provide readily available services in social work, health care, food and PPE distribution, and additional senior care. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe is requesting the funds for major building renovations to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's San Ignacio Center located at 785 W Sahuaro St. in Tucson, AZ. The proposed budget would cover 47 % of the total project cost and the tribe has committed to providing the additional funding. This project will provide social services, health care, food and PPE distribution, and additional senior care to Native Americans in this neighborhood.

The San Ignacio Yaqui Council is a non-profit setup by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to aid and care for Pascua Yaqui tribal members in distressed communities with poverty rates of 32.4% and 50.30%. Due to the limited space at this center, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe was never able to offer social services, health care services, food distribution, or adequate senior care. Tribal members in this community commute to the reservation in Southwest Tucson, approximately 30 minutes away, for these services. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a critical need to provide these essential services to this community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress