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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Subcommittee on LHHS

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Subcommittee on LHHS

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole,

I am requesting \$889,648.02 under HRSA Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account for Pascua Yaqui Tribe's San Ignacio Health Facility in fiscal year 2022.

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 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 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distribution, and additional senior care. The proposed budget would cover 47% of the total project cost, and the tribe has committed to providing the additional funding.

The San Ignacio Health Facility is owned by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and operated by the San Ignacio Yaqui Council, a non-profit that works collaboratively with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to aid and care for Pascua Yaqui tribal members in the surrounding distressed communities that are plagued by high poverty rates. Due to the limited space at the current 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. Once complete the San Ignacio Center will offer an elder food program to tribal elders with limited income at the center or delivered to homes, behavioral health services, drug and alcohol prevention programs, children's programs (including language and cultural, foster programs, nutrition programs, social work, alternative / traditional medicine, workforce development training programs, and leadership training programs.

The Pascua Tribe has provided an in-full construction quote they received that includes a detailed cost for everything from concrete, masonry, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, finishes and exterior improvements, that will be a part of this transformational project. The tribe previously dedicated federal funds COVID-19 relief funds to begin the architectural design for

the project and this is a one-year funding request. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funding as it helps fulfill federal responsibilities to provide health care to Native Americans, addresses long existing disparities in the provision of health care, will allow tribal populations to access an array of new services and has dedicated contributions from the Pascua Yaqui tribe to make it a successful and sustainable project.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress