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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, ED
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, ED
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole,

I am requesting \$588,059 under the FY 23 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health Facilities Construction and Equipment program for Tucson Indian Center's renovation and equipment upgrade proposal.

The Tucson Indian Center provides critical COVID-19, behavioral health and social services to the Metropolitan Tucson Native American Community. Testing, vaccination, and case management services significantly reduce hospitalization burden and increase employment and housing opportunities to reduce poverty and homelessness. For decades, the Center has offered youth and elderly programs, job services, adult and youth education programs, cultural activities, and emergency assistance. They are specifically requesting funds to repair two elevators that are currently not functioning. This will allow them to expand to have additional handicap accessible space needed on the second floor and third floor of the center. Additionally, the proposal includes modernizing front sliding doors, acquiring a new handicap transportation van to serve clients and purchase of new air purifying systems.

The budget includes: repair for non-operating and aged elevators - \$203,636 and \$190,982, front entrance electronic sliding glass doors - \$69,445, handicap and wheelchair ambulatory transportation van - \$68,999 and room virus and bacteria air purifiers - \$54,997.

The Tucson Indian Center's Health Services Department is committed to providing the Tucson urban American Indian community and others with the services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and partners with Pima County Health Department, Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Indian Health Services, and University of Arizona. Approximately 15,000 clients receive services from the Center each year. This includes wellness, health, employment, training, financial assistance and cultural services.

This is a shovel-ready project and requires no additional funds. The funds can be expended in the appropriate time frame, and the Center has already acquired detailed construction bids and the

repair projects are ready to commence upon issuance of funds. I greatly appreciate your consideration of this important project for underserved Native American community in Tucson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end of the last name.

Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress