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Representative Kay Granger
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Representative Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for Southeastern Arizona: Science & Ecotourism project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bisbee Science Exploration & Research Center LLC (a 501(c)3), located at 519 West Melody Lane, Bisbee, Arizona 85603. The funding would be used to turn 8 unused acres located at a decommissioned middle school into a site that includes state-of-the-art outdoor facilities, experiential and environmental tour opportunities, and five research field stations that focus on our local environment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will leverage the existing tourism industry and bring researchers from universities to participate in ongoing environmental research, provide a space for them to share their work, and provide actionable knowledge both for our local community and for our visitors. and national interests in environmental and economic sustainability in our region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress