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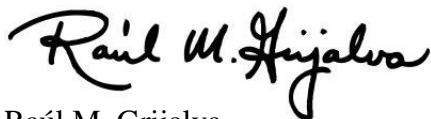
Representative Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$2,913,204.00 in funding for Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Early Childhood Learning Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pascua Yaqui Tribe, located at 7474 S. Camino De Oeste Tucson, AZ 85746. The funding will be used for construction of the Early Learning Childcare Center (ELCC) which is a 19,145 sq. ft. facility to include: eight (8) classrooms with shared teacher pod to serve 116 children aged 1-6, an infant room with attached lactation/nursing room to serve eight children aged 0-1, and two age appropriate covered playgrounds located centrally between the administration offices and the multipurpose room/kitchen buildings. Phase 2 of the ELCC construction is 2,494 sq. ft. and includes two additional classrooms to serve 40 children aged group of 7-8 years old. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide direct social and economic services for tribal children and youth. It will also help to preserve and integrate important cultural and learning components to address educational needs of indigenous children and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal community.

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,



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Member of Congress