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Representative Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 Representative Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$4,000,000 in funding for Tucson's South 10th Avenue Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Pre-Development Infrastructure in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tucson, located at 255 W Alameda Street Tucson, AZ 85701. The funding would be used for pre-development improvements to reclaim and prepare this 12-acre city owned site for a 300-500 unit affordable housing development, including site preparation, green stormwater infrastructure and other flood control features, sidewalks, streetscape improvements, water, sewer, and other utility service improvements necessary to facilitate an upcoming mixed income housing development. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because over the past several years, the cost of housing has risen dramatically in Tucson. Since 2017, the median rent in Tucson rose 86% and household incomes have not kept up with the rising costs of housing. The lack of affordable units has exacerbated socio-economic disparities and contributed to housing instability for many Tucsonans.

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