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The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
Administration
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
Administration
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop,

I am requesting \$455,000 under the FY 24 Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants program for the City of Douglas - Police Department Headquarters. The building was established between 1912 and 1913 to serve as a transportation hub for mining products, equipment and passengers. The proximity to the smelter in Bisbee, Arizona and to the southern border, and its proximity to southwestern points of travel made it a prime location for Phelps-Dodge. In 1985 in an effort to preserve this historic building, the City of Douglas remodeled it to serve as the new police station headquarters.

This funding would allow the City of Douglas to make the necessary repairs to the historic structure of the police department headquarters. The City of Douglas recently commissioned an architectural firm that performed a conditions assessment and recommendation report to assess the exterior as well as interior deficiencies. The assessment also studied the two historic fountains that need specialized work to ensure they are functional while preserving their historical character. Similar to the fountains, the assessment report makes recommendations and provides cost estimates for building deficiencies that need to be addressed in order to preserve the building. Some of these findings include sitework and earth work, masonry work, architectural woodwork, doors and windows work, thermal and moisture protection, and restoring various finishes throughout the building.

The City of Douglas estimates this project will cost a total of \$1,300,000, this account has a cost share requirement, therefore the City of Douglas is requesting \$455,000 which will be used to restore the condition of the building to restore the police department headquarters. This investment in the City of Douglas will support the history of this community, but ensure the

safety of all workers and visitors to the police department headquarters. This project meets all eligibility requirements and is ready to begin and obligate funds within a year.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a distinct 'M'.

Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress