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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Quigley,

I am requesting \$ 3.3 million under the FY 25 HUD-EDI account for the Cochise County
Community College District sports field renovation project.

The funding will be used to install artificial turf on the baseball outfield and soccer field, remove and reconnect irrigation lines, adjust sprinklers and blend landscape. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides long-term cost savings from reduced maintenance, reduces water consumption with is especially important with increasing drought conditions, eliminates chemical usage, and promotes sustainability. Artificial turf will significantly reduce ongoing expenses by eliminating the need for chemicals, seeds, and fertilizers. Notably, turf installed on the baseball infield has already demonstrated cost savings and operational efficiency. Cochise College supports the new Douglas AMA's (Active Management Areas) alignment with the broader goals of water conservation and efficient resource management, especially in light of the construction of the new Douglas Port of Entry and anticipated economic growth in the area.

Cochise College's athletic programs play a significant role in fostering community engagement and promoting a healthy lifestyle among residents. Primary supporters are the City of Douglas Cochise County and the local community. This project meets all requirements, is shovel ready, and can obligate funds within a year.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress