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Representative Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

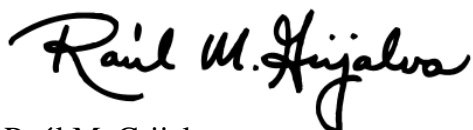
I am requesting \$1.1 million in funding for the South Tucson Community Revitalization project for fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of South Tucson located 1601 South 6th Ave. South Tucson, Arizona 85713. The funding will be used towards a community revitalization effort that includes: an emergency home repair program for residents, critical renovations to South Tucson's Fire Department and Youth Center, and renovation of the historic Paradise Motel, a 41-unit motel to provide safe, affordable residential space and workforce development opportunities to low-income residents of the area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because studies have shown that housing has a positive impact on education rates, health outcomes, and employment opportunities. At the same time, there are significant strains on the public safety systems, emergency rooms, and public benefits when residents are unstably or unhoused. Now more than ever, local communities are looking to counter challenges by collaborating to leverage resources, across governments and sectors, to positively impact residents, as well as the educational, economic, and government systems that surround them. These funds can make the difference between homelessness and community stability and are critically important to improving housing, public facilities, and economic stability in the City of South Tucson.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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