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Representative Tom Cole
Chair
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Mariposa Maternal and Child Health Center Renovations project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mariposa Community Health Center, Inc., located at 825 N. Grand Ave. Suite 100, Nogales, Arizona 85621. The funding would be used for the expansion and renovation of its existing building to improve access to its Maternal and Child Health Services. This expansion and renovation will provide specialized services for prenatal, postnatal, and pediatric care. The center will provide additional outreach and education to expectant mothers and families to improve health outcomes for mothers and babies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Center will ensure local access to maternal and child health services for community members, eliminating the need to seek services in other counties.


In 2002, Mariposa was designated as a Community Center of Excellence in Women's Health by the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health, one of only three organizations in the United States to receive this prestigious recognition nationwide. The Center will provide much needed services including clinical care and education, support services such as prenatal classes and parenting workshops, and support groups for expectant mothers.

Mariposa Community Health Center, near the U.S. border with Mexico, is the only health center in rural Santa Cruz County. MCHC offers primary, dental, and behavioral health care services to over 26,000 patients per year, which is over half of the county's residents. It is the County's largest employer and employs over 420 members of the community in the area. It has an economic impact of over \$53 million each year to the County and surrounding areas.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress