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The Honorable Andy Harris  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug Administration

The Honorable Sanford Bishop Jr.  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug Administration

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop,

I am requesting \$964,027 under the FY 25 Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants program for Mariposa Community Health Center's Maternal and Child Health Center Renovations project.

MCHC will expand and renovate 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.

It is critical to stay current with the continuing advances in our maternal and child health services and community needs and renovation to our existing building is desperately needed. Renovations and newer advanced equipment will accommodate specialized services and attract and retain skilled healthcare professionals that are difficult to find in many areas outside of major metropolitan areas.

The total project cost is \$2,754,362 and the federal request is \$964,027. The budget breakdown for the cost estimate is as follows:

- Construction materials - \$1,771,357
- Contractor fees - \$353,401
- Architectural fees \$130,100
- Demolition - \$131,639
- Medical equipment - \$325,500 for ultrasound machine, exam beds, and other required equipment
- Office equipment - \$42,364 for medical office furniture including desks, chairs, cabinets, and office furniture

Mariposa Community Health Center is an invaluable partner in many community initiatives. This space will be an invaluable resource for expectant mothers and provide nurturing education and support in addition to exceptional health services. Community support includes the Mayor of

Nogales and local community members. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' at the beginning.

Raúl M. Grijalva  
Member of Congress