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**RE:** Rural Maternity & Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS) Program, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA-23-049)

Dear Ms. Tsai,,

I am writing regarding Mariposa Community Health Center's Rural Maternity & Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS) Program application. As a Congressmen from Southern Arizona, my mission is to meet the needs of Arizona families and I am a long-time supporter of Mariposa Community Health Center in the border community of Nogales, Arizona. Their proposal has the ability to serve a population that faces unique health challenges, and it exemplifies Mariposa's long history of meeting the needs of Arizonans along the border with Mexico.

The opportunity presented in the RMOMS grant will increase access to maternal and obstetrics care in rural communities throughout Arizona to improve health outcomes for mothers and infants. I applaud Mariposa's efforts to seek solutions for the challenges faced by Arizona's Critical Access Hospitals and rural communities. There is long-lasting value in this grant bringing a network of partners together to develop innovative strategies and models for effective and sustainable rural maternal and obstetrics service delivery.

I support the Rural Maternity & Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS) program application submitted by Mariposa Community Health Center. I believe that this project has the potential to transform the lives of mothers and children in our border and rural communities, reduce health disparities, and contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of Southern Arizona.

I ask that you provide Mariposa's grant application with full and fair consideration under all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress