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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Jemez Pueblo Hazard Remediation and Pueblo Revitalization Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pueblo of Jemez, located at 4471 Hwy 4, Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico 87024. The funding would be used for the demolition of 26 dilapidated, contaminated, uninhabitable homes, thereby allowing the construction of new homes to help address a substantial housing waitlist. The demolition of the abandoned homes will allow for the creation of a comprehensive master land use plan and redevelopment of the land to create more affordable housing for the Pueblo community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Pueblo of Jemez suffers from an epidemic of blighted, condemned, and hazardous abandoned residential and governmental buildings on its Reservation. These structures pose a serious risk to the health and safety of the community.

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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Teresa Leger Fernández
Member of Congress