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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 Rio Arriba Regional Recreation Center Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Rio Arriba County located at 1122 Industrial Park Road, Española, New Mexico 87532. The funding would be used to construct a new multi-purpose regional recreation center to provide accessible, year-round recreational and community programming for residents throughout the Rio Arriba County and surrounding communities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will serve youth, families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities by offering safe and modern recreational infrastructure and community meeting spaces that currently do not exist in this rural, underserved county.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Teresa Leger Fernández  
Member of Congress