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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 Taos County Community Housing Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Taos County located at 105 Albright Street, Suite G Taos, New Mexico 87571. The funding would be used to construct the first phase of a below market housing project on a County-owned 10-acre site in central Taos. The overall project will create approximately 75 rental units serving households earning less than 80% of Area Median Income. The first phase is expected to deliver at least 14 new units of affordable housing. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase the supply of affordable housing in a rural county for community members who provide some of the most essential services, including teachers, public safety personnel, and transit workers.

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