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May 2, 2025

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 **Peña Blanca Multi-Generational Community Center Improvements Project** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at Sandoval County, located at 1500 Idalia Road, Building D Bernalillo, New Mexico 87004.

The funding would be used for a new energy and cost-effective accessible senior center, which is expected to double the attendance from the community and enhance the current services for the seniors. The funding would provide basic support services to multiple rural communities including, Native Pueblos of Cochiti, Santo Domingo, Sile, and Pena Blanca, which altogether are under 20,000 individuals. The site currently has aged buildings with condition issues including a leaking roof, site drainage issues, and a lack of modern technologies for safety and comfort of users and staff. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves the current site and facilities and adds an additional building for increased multi-generational access.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Teresa Leger Fernández
Member of Congress