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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 San Felipe Pueblo Library and Education Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pueblo of San Felipe Education Department located at 18 Cougar Road, San Felipe Pueblo, NM, 87001. The funding would be used for construction of a new Library and Education Center in the Pueblo's housing district. The facility will house a public library open to all community members, cultural and language classrooms, computer labs, a maker space, climate-controlled archives, a 100+ person meeting room, education offices, and outdoor learning areas. The existing library is at capacity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will serve as the only library accessible to residents of Algodones, an unincorporated Sandoval County community with no library and no plans to build one. It serves a critical need given the community lacks dedicated meeting space, educational classrooms, archival storage, computer labs, and technology resources.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the 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