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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 **Village of Cuba, NM, Fire Hydrants Repair and Replace** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Village of Cuba, located at 16E Cordova Ave., Cuba, New Mexico, 87013.

The funding would be used for the repairs and replacement of the existing system of fire hydrants in the Village of Cuba, which has a population of 1,800. The project will include engineering, excavation, exposure, and installation of 13 fire hydrants. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Cuba Volunteer Fire Department responds to an average of 38 fire emergencies annually. The Fire Department maintains an ISO (Public Protection Classification rating) of #4. This rating directly affects citizen insurance rates, commercially, and privately. 40% of the rating process comes from the availability of water, so the lack of these crucial fire hydrants will negatively impact the next ISO rating review. Further, the project will improve the safety of Village residents.

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)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Teresa Leger Fernández
Member of Congress