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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-305 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 Pueblo of Zia Police Department Equipment and Technology in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pueblo of Zia, located at 135 Capitol Square Drive, Zia Pueblo NM 87053.

The funding would be used for in-car laptops, printers, scanners, body worn cameras, license plates reader systems, and vehicles for policing remote areas of the reservation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the police department to more effectively respond to increased criminal activity including tribal land trespassing and stolen vehicles, document law enforcement-citizen interactions to improve accountability, and reach remote areas to conduct search and rescue missions and respond to crime. Together, the funding will improve officer and public safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Teresa Leger Fernández
Member of Congress