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May 9, 2024

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 Jicarilla Apache Nation Public Safety Housing Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jicarilla Apache Nation, located at 25 Hawks Drive, Dulce, NM 87528. The funding would be used to plan, design and construction for eight to ten duplexes which will house public safety and emergency management personnel to service the Jicarilla Apache Nation and surrounding communities. The Tribe already has the land. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Jicarilla Apache Nation is in need of housing for public safety and emergency service personnel. Due to the rural location of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, it is difficult for the Tribe to attract qualified public safety and emergency personnel in the region. The Jicarilla Apache Nation and the community of Dulce will benefit from having qualified personnel in the areas of public safety and emergency management services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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