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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 the Portales, NM Waste Transfer Facility Expansion in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Portales, NM, located at 1028 W Community Way, Portales, NM, 88130. The funding would be used for the expansion of the transfer station and to make it easier to take larger amounts of waste to Clovis when necessary. This would lower the cost of solid waste transportation, lessen road damage, lower the cost of fuel and collection vehicle maintenance, and lower the cost of waste management services overall. It would also improve public health and safety, promote sustainability, and create job opportunities for the local community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Portales operates its own trash services. Its waste transfer facility is small and fills up midway through the week. As a result, a trash truck will then haul waste to Clovis. That requires additional fuel use and wear and tear on the trucks. It also means that one of the few trash trucks is not available to pick up trash. Trash is supposed to be picked up weekly but that doesn't always happen.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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