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The Honorable Steve Womack
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The Honorable Mike Quigley
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Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop:

I am requesting funding for the Bernalillo County Reentry and Recidivism Reduction Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bernalillo County, NM, located at 415 Silver Ave. SW Albuquerque, NM 87102. The funding would be used for reducing recidivism by helping individuals leaving incarceration access housing, behavioral health, and workforce services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this program will reduce barriers to services and improve stabilization during the critical reentry period, this project helps prevent future justice system involvement, strengthens community stability, and supports healthier, safer neighborhoods across Albuquerque and the surrounding communities within the 1st Congressional District.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq.), which supports community development activities that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals by improving access to essential services, economic opportunities, and public facilities. Funding will be used to provide public services and support activities that facilitate housing stability, workforce participation, and access to behavioral health care for individuals reentering the community after incarceration—populations that are disproportionately low-income and face significant barriers to economic mobility. These investments align with eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities, including public services and assistance to improve access to employment, housing, and supportive services.

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

Sincerely,



Melanie Stansbury
Member of Congress