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

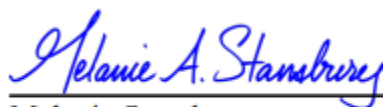
I am requesting funding for Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Albuquerque - Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department, located at 1 Civic Pl NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. The funding would be used for strategically acquiring land, including foreclosed parcels, to develop into affordable housing.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because unlike traditional subsidies that may result in one-time impacts, this approach establishes a permanent public land portfolio dedicated to affordable and workforce housing. Because the City will retain ownership of the land through ground leases, it can enforce long-term affordability requirements, maintain oversight of development outcomes, and ensure that projects remain aligned with community needs over time. This model protects the federal investment by preventing displacement, reducing blight, and guaranteeing that public funds are not used to create short-term gains that ultimately revert to private profit.

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 permits acquisition, land banking, and redevelopment of property to support affordable housing, economic development, and the elimination of blight.

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