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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mescalero Apache Tribe Windy Point Phase III Housing Development in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mescalero Apache Tribe, located at 108 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 227, Mescalero, NM 88340. The funding would be used for the construction of new affordable housing units as part of the Mescalero Apache Tribe's Windy Point Phase III Subdivision, to expand the Tribe's limited housing inventory, reduce dangerous overcrowding, and provide safe, stable, and affordable homes for Tribal members who currently lack adequate housing options. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it makes a targeted investment in essential infrastructure that supports public health, safety, and economic stability. Overcrowded housing conditions—such as multiple families sharing a single home—are associated with increased health risks, strain on infrastructure, and barriers to employment and education. By increasing the availability of quality housing, this project will help reduce these risks, improve living conditions, and support stronger, more self-sufficient communities. Federal funding will leverage the Tribe's ongoing planning and development efforts, ensuring that resources are used efficiently to deliver long-term benefits. Investing in housing construction now helps prevent more costly emergency interventions in the future, including public health expenditures and housing instability services. This project fulfills a core federal responsibility to support Tribal communities while delivering measurable, lasting benefits for residents and ensuring responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Melanie Ann Stansbury
Member of Congress