

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3102

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

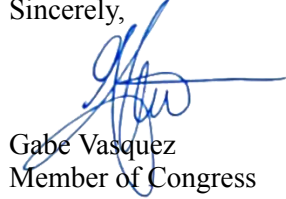
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$660,000 for the Creation of the Community of Hope De-Escalation Office Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Las Cruces located at 700 N Main Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The funding will be used to create a dedicated space to help people de-escalate while connecting them to services, reducing the need for a law enforcement response. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it contributes to addiction treatment and lessens the burden on local law enforcement.

The project has a federal nexus because it is authorized by section 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Gabe Vasquez
Member of Congress