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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 Las Cruces De-Escalation Center project in Fiscal Year 2026. 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 social 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