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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Oracle Fire District for Oracle Brush Dump project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Oracle Fire District located at PO Box 977 in Oracle, AZ, 85623.

Funds will be used to allow Oracle Fire District to purchase an Air Curtain Burner/Incinerator, to greatly improve the safety and efficiency of burning the brush, which is the only alternative to disposing of these volatile materials. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds as an ACI requires less staff to run, which means reduced costs, and is much safer for the firefighters involved. It would also decrease the risk of embers escaping the typical "pile" burns, which are currently utilized to remove accumulated brush at the dump, would greatly reduce the smoke from such burns, which affects not only our firefighters but also nearby residents. This would also help them comply with the air quality standards, making it a much safer, efficient, and cost-effective means of disposing of the brush. Additionally, this vital tool would allow OFD to burn the brush more frequently, thus keeping the brush dump open more often.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)

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

Sincerely,



Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress