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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 community project funding for the Town of Sahuarita for the Sahuarita Police Department's (SDP) Emergency Power Initiative in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Sahuarita located at 375 W Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

The funding would be used to purchase and to install a 250 kW / 744 kWh solar battery backup system, bringing the facility into compliance with Article 708 of the National Electrical Code (NEC), which mandates that Critical Operations Power Systems (COPS) have a backup power source capable of at least 72 hours of operation. This would ensure uninterrupted 24/7/365 operations at the SPD Headquarters, which serves as the desert region's primary law enforcement facility and emergency coordination hub. The purpose of this request is to provide reliable energy to maintain emergency communications, dispatch services, and first responder coordination during power outages, extreme weather, or grid disruptions, strengthening public safety, regional disaster preparedness, and operational resilience while reducing dependence on the local power grid and long-term energy costs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as a prudent investment in critical public safety infrastructure that protects lives while improving long-term operational efficiency. The project focuses on durable technology and equipment rather than general construction, so it aligns with federal appropriations guidance while delivering long-term value in a region that has experienced devastating power outages due to natural disasters in the past. The system will reduce reliance on the electrical grid, lower ongoing energy costs, and strengthen the community's emergency preparedness, ensuring taxpayer funds support both immediate public safety needs and long-term fiscal responsibility.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Ciscomani', written in a cursive style.

Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress