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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 community project funding for Graham County; Parks Reclaimed and Drinking Water Distribution project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Graham County located at 921 West Thatcher Blvd, Safford AZ 85546.

Funds will be used to replace, throughout the park, the 40-year-old aging water lines and to separate and direct potable water to appropriate areas such as buildings, offices, restrooms, and reclaimed lines to sports fields, trees, and landscaping. In addition, currently the potable water is supplied to two large fishing ponds and then pumped from the ponds to water the complex. The project budget includes eliminating one of the ponds, sealing the bottom of the remaining pond, and building the new reclaimed water lines, pumps, and storage throughout the fairgrounds to utilize the new reclaimed water provided by the City of Safford. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because water conservation is a top priority for our community. Replacing 55 million gallons of water with reclaimed water is equivalent to bringing on a new high producing well on the neighboring cities water utility. Conserving 55 million gallons of water provides future stability for the system and provides more capacity for local residents and farmers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j12.

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