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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gila River Linear Park and Trail project for fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Graham County, Arizona.

The funding would be used for the construction of the Gila River Linear Park and Trail. This will be for first phase of 4.2 miles lying just north of Safford and Thatcher city/town limits. The requested funding will enable Graham County to break ground on the construction of this important outdoor recreation project to connect people to the river and provide economic development benefits for the communities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this will be a flagship park and trail amenity for County, City of Safford & Town of Thatcher, enabling people to connect to the Gila River and provide health benefits. Moreover, the project is viewed as a component of the economic development goals for Safford, Thatcher and County based on increased revenues associated with outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes outlined in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

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