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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Honeycutt Community Connector in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Maricopa, located at 39700 West Civic Center Plaza, Maricopa, AZ 85138. The funding would be used to transform a vacant blighted piece of land. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will clean out the space and install paths to create connectivity between the neighborhoods and new retail space near Maricopa-Casa Grande Hwy. Design will incorporate drainage elements for resilience during weather events and maintain natural elements that encourage wildlife education and appreciation. This space will be incorporated into the Maricopa Regional Trail System upon completion, ensuring continued maintenance and future capital investment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Ruben Gallego

MEMBER OF CONGRESS