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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
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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 Speedway and Stone Housing Development in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tucson, located at 255 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, AZ 85701. The funding would be used for construction of estimated 166 units of affordable and market-rate housing, limited podium parking, and ground-floor non-residential/commercial space integrated with streetscape enhancements for a planned transit stop. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the cost of housing has risen dramatically in Tucson. Since 2017, the median rent in Tucson rose 86% and as of March 2024 was \$1,595. Tucson has historically been known as an affordable place to live; however, that changed quickly during the pandemic. To address the housing affordability crisis, in December 2021, the Mayor & Council adopted the Housing Affordability Strategy for Tucson, charging the Housing & Community Development Department (HCD) to begin doing everything it can to facilitate the development of more units for the people of Tucson. Tucson is committed to building more affordable and workforce housing developments like the one proposed for Speedway and Stone. This project will be affordable to extremely low-income families.

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