

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies  
H-305 House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies  
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Dear Chair Fleischmann and Ranking Member Kaptur,


We, the undersigned Members of Congress who represent constituents downstream of the Uranium Mill Tailing Remedial Action (UMTRA) project, urge you to match last year's funding of \$67,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2025. Notably, we believe sustaining the increase would save taxpayer dollars by further maximizing productivity and allowing the project to finally be completed within five years.

The Department of Energy (DOE) has been tasked with the cleanup of this site, which includes the largest uranium mill tailings pile relocation in the United States. Currently, DOE is moving approximately one million tons of uranium mill tailings annually to the Crescent Junction disposal site.

Historic funding increases made the site significantly more efficient, which allowed DOE to move more tailings at less cost per ton. In fact, the cost per ton went from \$81 to \$47, with tons per month seeing an increase from 39,000 to 80,000. Once it is complete, the removal of these tailings could result in numerous economic development opportunities for the local community and provide peace of mind for our downstream constituencies.

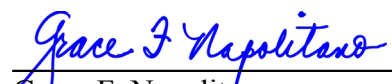
We appreciate your consideration of this request and the impact it will have on our constituents.

Sincerely,



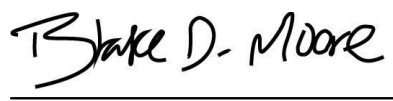
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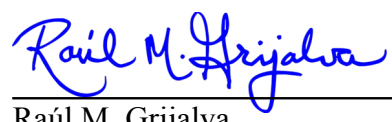
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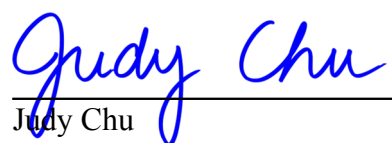
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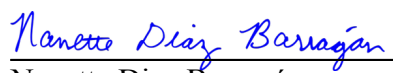
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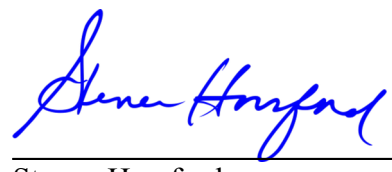
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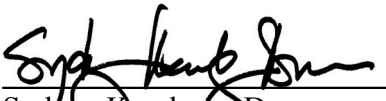
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Nanette Diaz Barragán  
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