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The Honorable Veronica Escobar  
16th District of Texas  
1505 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2024 Congressional Community Project Funding Requests

Dear Congresswoman Escobar,

The purpose of this letter is to indicate our support for the Town of Anthony's proposed Community Project Funding request for the purchase of electric vehicles to be used by personnel. The Rio Grande Council of Governments is one of twenty-four regional planning organizations in the State of Texas. Our organization is comprised of member governments that are located within our seven-county region in Far West Texas, which includes The Town of Anthony.

The Town of Anthony is located off Interstate 10 and borders New Mexico. In an effort to be in line with President Biden's Infrastructure priorities, the purchase of electric vehicles will allow the Town to improve its air quality, reduce emissions, and work towards putting the goal of reaching net-zero emissions by no later than 2050. The grant application process nationwide is extremely competitive and smaller communities such as Anthony, do not score as high where they can receive funding. However, that is why programs such as this one, are so vital to our communities because it gives them a chance to receive funding for the betterment of their residents. Please consider this projection as a priority for the citizens of Anthony, Texas.

Best Regards,

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