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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
House Natural Resources Committee
1324-A Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515-6201

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member
House Natural Resources Committee
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Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

I am writing to express my strong support for legislation (H.R.6162) that would transfer surplus land currently under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration to the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico. This parcel, totaling 9.89 acres, is federally owned and therefore has no impact on local property taxes.

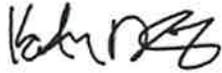
These tracts were part of the original Albuquerque Indian School (AIS) property. This legislation will further the 19 Pueblos' ongoing efforts to reclaim the former AIS site for economic development, educational, and cultural purposes. The transfer will enable Indian Pueblos Marketing, Inc. and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center to continue transforming the 12th Street corridor—just off I-40 and central to the North Valley—into a vibrant economic hub that benefits both the City of Albuquerque and the 19 Pueblos.

As State Senator for District 10, which encompasses Albuquerque's North Valley and key Westside corridors, I have long championed policies that strengthen communities through inclusive economic development, consumer protections, and fair opportunities for all New Mexicans. The AIS campus stands as a powerful example of how various sectors can work together to enhance neighborhood revitalization, preserve cultural heritage, and drive economic growth. My work in Legislature reflects my commitment to equity and fairness—principles that align with the goals of this land transfer.

This legislation reflects my commitment to New Mexico's Indigenous communities and inclusive development. The Pueblos' leadership in revitalizing the former AIS site strengthens Albuquerque's cultural and economic core, creating a safe, welcoming campus through strong security partnerships. It also advances job training and career pathways—priorities I share—by leveraging economic development and current incentives that are available to create good-paying jobs and expand opportunities.

Please feel free to contact me or my staff at 505-946-5560 if you have any questions.

Katy Duhigg

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katy Duhigg', written in a cursive style.

New Mexico State Senator
District 10

Cc:

The Honorable Martin Heinrich, United States Senator

The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan, United States Senator

The Honorable Melanie Stansbury, United States Congresswoman

Ms. Monique Fragua, President & CEO, IPMI/IPCC