

## Questions for the Record by Democrat Members

**Questions from Rep. Gallego** for Ms. Sonya Tetnowski, CEO, Santa Clara Valley Indian Health Center:

1. In your testimony, you maintain that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) already has the authority to apply VA reimbursements to Urban Indian Health Centers. How has the VA responded to this claim?
  - o In your experience, what has it been like communicating to the VA your concerns for veterans seeking treatment at Urban Indian Health Centers?
  
2. Without the application of the VA and Indian Health Services' (IHS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), what health care options do Native veterans living in urban areas currently have?
  - o How might culturally-competent health care be lost in such scenarios?