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The Honorable Merrick Garland Attorney General United States Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Garland,

I write to you regarding an application submitted by the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program for a Department of Justice Community Policing Development Accreditation Grant.

Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP) currently has 41 Arizona law enforcement agencies enrolled in their accreditation program. ALEAP is currently the only accreditation program in the country that maintains standards devoted specifically to policing tribal lands. This critical federal funding will allow ALEAP to assist the 18 tribal police agencies across Arizona with funding to become fully accredited agencies. This funding will also provide technical support with policy writing, technology improvements, as well as the creation of a tribal liaison position to coordinate directly with tribal law enforcement agencies.

Department of Justice programs like Community Policing Development Accreditation grants promote safe and effective delivery of professional law enforcement services. Providing this critical funding will equip Arizona's tribal law enforcement agencies with best practices to ensure the safety of the people they serve.

Arizona's first responders do essential work every day to protect Arizona families and keep our communities safe. I will continue working with members of both parties in the United States Senate to keep Arizona communities safe. In accordance with all existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines, I respectfully ask that you give this proposal full and fair consideration as you make this important funding decision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kyrsten Sinema United States Senator

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