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Answers to questions!

As promised on today's Council meeting, here are answers to the questions raised during the previous meeting. Please let me know if I missed any of the questions here! And of course, please let me know if you have follow-up questions to any of the answers.

1. Exactly how much is in the reconciliation bill for climate change?
 - a. Energy & Commerce
 - i. Clean Electricity Performance Program - \$150 billion - The CEPP, which complements tax incentives for clean energy, will issue grants to and collect payments from electricity suppliers from 2023 through 2030 based on how much qualified clean electricity each supplier provides to customers.
 - ii. \$13.5 billion in electric vehicle infrastructure to support development of an electric vehicle charging network to assist the transition to zero emissions vehicles
 - iii. establishes a methane fee on pollution from the oil and gas industry above specific intensity thresholds (only applies to oil and gas producers – not agriculture).
 - iv. invests \$27.5 billion in nonprofit, state, and local climate finance institutions that support the rapid deployment of low- and zero-emission technologies.
 - v. invests \$18 billion in home energy efficiency and appliance electrification rebates.
 - vi. invests \$10 billion for the cleanup of Superfund sites on the National Priority List where federal agencies are the responsible parties
 - b. Agriculture Committee
 - i. \$10 billion investment for rural communities and rural electric co-ops to transition to renewable energy practices, providing jobs, as well as a more resilient and efficient energy grid.
 - ii. Additional funding of \$2.6 billion for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) program which provides grants and loans to farmers and small business owners to make energy efficient improvements for their operations.
 - iii. Invests in further growth of the biofuels industry by committing \$1 billion to the Biofuels Infrastructure Program which will provide market access for farmers, more affordable and cleaner fuels for consumers.
 - c. Ways and Means Committee
 - i. Extends and expands many existing clean energy tax credits, like the ITC and electric vehicle tax credit
 - d. Natural Resources Committee
 1. \$3 billion to support the Civilian Climate Corps through the Department of the Interior

2. \$1 billion for tribal climate resilience and adaptation
3. \$900 million for national wildfire management
4. \$500 million for a unique Tribal Civilian Climate Corps
5. \$225 million for climate resilience and restoration
6. \$100 million for mitigating climate-induced weather events
7. \$100 million for tribal wildfire management

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- e. 4.5 billion of Ed and Labor's portion of the bill is going to the Civilian Climate Corps.
2. Do we know how much of that will come to NM?
 - a. Not yet, unfortunately. Will get back to you on this!
3. One Council member heard there's \$100k for New Mexico broadband in the reconciliation bill, and another heard it's \$165M. Do we know the actual amount?
 - a. The overall budget for broadband in the infrastructure bill is \$65 billion, however, we do not yet know how much of that is coming to New Mexico.
4. When will Child Nutrition Reauthorization happen?
 - a. The Child Nutrition Reauthorization program got pushed to early 2022.
5. Are there any other specific numbers for NM regarding both bills?
 - a. Since we don't have total final funding numbers nationally, we still don't have state specific numbers either.
6. Is there a formal timeline for Farm Bill hearings?
 - a. The current farm bill expires in 2023. We don't expect to see hearings on the next farm bill until next year.