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Washington, DC - Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján met with Clovis Mayor Gayla Brumfield in Washington to discuss local issues, including the Ute Pipeline and area Recovery Act funding.

"Mayor Brumfield is a strong advocate for the people of Clovis, and it is very important that we work together help the city," said Rep. Luján. "Clovis has unique needs and dialogue with local leaders is important, providing insight on topics of great relevance to my efforts in Congress--job creation, protecting valuable resources, and repairing roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure."

"We are excited that the Ute Water Project was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President," said Mayor Gayla Brumfield. "The Ute Water Project is very important to the eastern side of the state, and we are happy that Rep. Luján has been supportive and helpful in this endeavor. We look forward to working with him to finalize the project and move forward other projects that will create jobs in Clovis and ensure that the region has important resources."

In Congress, Rep. Luján has worked with local leaders to advocate for Clovis and Curry County. He introduced legislation to authorize the Ute Water Pipeline. This measure was originally introduced several years ago by Sen. Jeff Bingaman in the Senate and then-Rep. Tom Udall in the House. Rep. Luján has made job creation and economic recovery in the community a priority. Rep. Luján supported the Recovery Act, which included \$139,800 for energy efficiency programs in Clovis, \$142,666 for justice assistance grants in Clovis, \$26.4 million for military construction, facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization at Cannon Air Force Base. These programs will help create and save jobs and improve critical services in the community.

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