



Voices For The Rare
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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL: The Bridge to Care Act

TO: The Hon. Ruben Gallego, U.S. Senate | **ATTN:** Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs Staff **FROM:** Holly Martinez, CEO, Voices For The Rare | **DATE:** March 18, 2026

I. THE CRISIS: Administrative Gaps & Rural Exploitation

Medically fragile residents in Pinal County are trapped in a systemic "**Resource Desert.**"

- **Referral Failure:** Our 2026 audit confirms Arizona agencies (ADOH/DES) are failing to utilize **Section 811 PRA** and **USDA 515** tools. Patients are "purged" from waitlists during surgical recovery due to unrealistic 4-day response windows.
- **The Trafficking Pipeline:** Lack of localized emergency housing in the San Tan corridor creates a direct pipeline for human trafficking. Vulnerable youth are moved through **Mesa Gateway Airport** because no "Bridge to Care" exists to intercept them.

II. THE SOLUTIONS: Committee Leadership & Oversight

We request the Senator's leadership on the **Banking & Housing Committee** to:

1. **Enforce HUD Training:** Mandate state staff certification in **HUD Secure Systems** and **811 PRA** as a condition for federal funding.
2. **Mandate Regional Portability:** Direct HUD to allow immediate voucher portability between Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa counties. **Housing must follow the surgical team.**
3. **Expand Blue Lightning:** Fully implement DHS/DOT trafficking training at **Mesa Gateway** to empower staff to protect disabled and foster youth.

III. THE ASK: Congressional Accountability

We ask the Committee to investigate why Arizona's "medically fragile" population is being denied access to existing federal 811 PRA funds. We must turn "Referral Loops" into a functional safety net.

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