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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Orange County Water District for PFAS Drinking Water Well Restoration in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange County Water District, located at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

The funding will be used to address PFAS contamination in the Orange County Groundwater Basin to support compliance with federal drinking water standards. The basin provides approximately 85 percent of the water supply for 2.5 million residents in the region. The project will restore groundwater wells and support treatment efforts needed to mitigate PFAS contamination and protect the reliability of this critical regional water source. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports efforts to address PFAS contamination affecting critical drinking water supplies serving hundreds of thousands of residents in Orange County. Restoring groundwater wells and implementing treatment solutions helps ensure compliance with federal drinking water standards while protecting public health. Federal support for PFAS mitigation helps maintain reliable water supplies and reduces the financial burden on local ratepayers responding to emerging contamination challenges.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §300j-12).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Young Kim
Member of Congress