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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 Santa Margarita Water District for the Improving Wastewater Capture and Reuse Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Santa Margarita Water District, located at 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688.

The funding would be used to build the Oso Lift Station in Mission Viejo as part of the Oso Creek Water Reclamation Plant Optimization project to improve wastewater capture and reuse. The lift station will pump approximately 1.5 million gallons per day of wastewater to the reclamation plant, enabling the water to be treated and reused instead of discharged to the ocean. This project will support the development of reliable local water supplies for irrigation and future potable reuse. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens regional water supply reliability by supporting infrastructure that reduces dependence on imported water sources. Improving local water conveyance and supply helps increase resilience to drought and climate-driven hydrologic variability. Investments in reliable water infrastructure help ensure communities have access to safe, dependable, and affordable water resources.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Title VI of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1381 et seq.), which authorizes federal assistance for wastewater infrastructure and water pollution control projects that improve water quality and support water reclamation and reuse.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'YK', written in a cursive style.

Young Kim
Member of Congress