

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

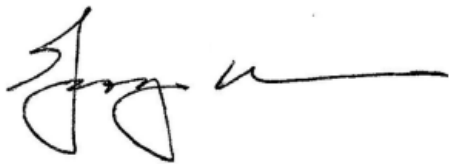
I am requesting funding for the Joshua Acres Water System Consolidation and Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Palmdale Water District, located at 2029 E. Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550.

The funding would be used to replace a 75-year-old deteriorating infrastructure. This project will ensure the long-term delivery of safe and reliable drinking water to a disadvantaged community that currently lacks the financial and operational capacity to maintain regulatory safety standards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical public health risks and prevents the imminent failure of a failing rural water system. By consolidating a small, resource-constrained system into a larger, professionally managed public utility, the project provides a cost-effective, permanent solution to water quality and reliability issues in California's 27th Congressional District. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



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**George Whitesides (CA27)**  
**Member of Congress**